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2003 NATIONAL CONGRESS



Photo by Marc Huchette

CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling accepts the National Aeronautic Association's Frank G. Brewer Sr. Trophy on behalf of the Civil Air Patrol from Frank G. Brewer Jr., as NAA President Don Koranda looks on. The presentation was made during the Brewer Luncheon April 4 at the 2003 National Congress on Aviation and Space Education in Cincinnati. CAP was selected to receive the trophy in recognition of its more than half a century of leadership in educating the nation's young people on the many opportunities available to them in the fields of aviation and space flight. This is the second time CAP has won the trophy — the first in 1952. Special centerspread on the 2003 NCASE in this issue on Pages 16-17.

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History-making mission

**Six wings, more than 1,000
members participate in
extensive search for space
shuttle Columbia debris.**

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Keep your 'Sights on Safety'!

■ How about some cash in Las Vegas?

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — At last year's Civil Air Patrol National Board Meeting, CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling announced his Sights on Safety program.

Shortly after that, the general followed up with a memorandum for all CAP members to emphasize the absolute need for our organization to have the right mind-set about safety.

The goal is to have safety pervade our lives and be a cornerstone of our culture. The national commander directed that the SOS program be mandatory for wings and optional (but encouraged) for squadrons. Because his goal was for wings and subordinate units to generate innovative, new approaches to safety, he did not want to provide program guidelines, except that all wings would have a program.

To motivate the sharing of these new approaches to

safety, a substantial amount of money has been set aside to reward the best efforts: \$5,000 for the winning wing, \$3,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third. For squadrons that choose to participate, \$2,000 will go to the winner, \$1,000 to second place and \$500 to third. The grants will be awarded at the August CAP National Board Meeting in Las Vegas.

Since the national commander, vice commander and region commanders must review the packages that describe the innovative initiatives taken by our units across the country, submissions must be post marked by June 30. Send a description of the innovative ways your unit is enhancing CAP safety to: Sights On Safety, HQ CAP/SE, 105 S. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112. Be creative and share your ideas — it might just win your unit some big cash in Las Vegas!

Members can review the general's letter at www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Special_Interest/special_interest.htm.

Tennessee Wing wins national honor

Volunteer members recognized for disaster relief efforts

TENNESSEE — The Tennessee Wing has been named to the 2003 Advance America Honor Roll, a national awards competition sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives in Washington, D.C.

Wing members received the award for their work helping local communities after devastating tornadoes swept through the eastern part of the nation in the fall of 2002.

The wing flew three sorties for the American Red Cross and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and also provided ground crews to assist residents in Morgan County, Tennessee.

Forty ground team members searched storm debris for 14 miss-

ing persons, ultimately identifying six who had moved to safe quarters and eight who had died. The ground teams also helped the Federal Emergency Management Agency by surveying residents about the extent of their property damage and also helping victims recover personal items from the debris.

Once weather permitted, the wing flew a storm expert from the National Weather Service to damage sites in the state to document the storms path and strength. In Indiana, CAP members flew a National Weather Service expert on a similar assessment sortie.

Now in its 13th year, the prestigious Associations Advance America Awards program recognizes associations that propel America forward with innovative projects in education, skills training, standards-setting, business and social innovation, knowledge creation, citizenship and community service. Although association activities have a powerful impact on everyday life, they often go unnoticed by the general public.

"The Tennessee Wing's program truly embodies the spirit of the Associations Advance America cam-

paign," said ASAE President Michael S. Olson, CAE. "It is an honor and an inspiration to showcase this activity as an example of the many contributions associations are making to advance American society."

In all, 36 people were killed in the string of tornadoes that swept through Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. In Mississippi, CAP volunteers from the state's wing assisted the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in assessing damage in the Columbus area. CAP personnel in Alabama were placed on alert, but were not called to active duty.

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, CAP national commander, who lives in Knoxville, saw firsthand the importance of the organization's work in his home state. "CAP volunteers all over the country make outstanding contributions to the nation and their states every single day," he said. "Our volunteer work with the tragic aftermath of tornadoes from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico was no exception. I am extremely proud of the way our members responded in a time of great need."



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Michael S. Olson
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CAP members spot Cuban refugees during test flight

■ Aircrews send digital photos via satellite phone to alert Coast Guard

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — In the process of testing a new digital imaging system off the Florida Keys April 25, a Civil Air Patrol flight crew spotted a raft carrying three Cuban refugees and helped the U.S. Coast Guard intercept them.

According to USCG Ensign Brett Workman, worsening weather approaching the Keys would have endangered the rafters' lives had they not been picked up.

"I credit the CAP with saving their lives," said Workman, public affairs officer and USCG auxiliary liaison in Key West.

CAP's Advanced Technologies Group was conducting tests on new technology

its members are considering for homeland security and narco-terrorism reconnaissance flights. They were working with Raytheon Co. and the USCG at the Key West station because that location, with its incidence of border violations and drug trafficking, offered a real-world environment for the testing.

CAP National Headquarters staff members Terry Raymond and Rick McDow saw the 13-foot raft during a routine test flight. In previous tests, they had been using an airborne digital imaging system, which allows a crew member to take photos with a high-resolution digital camera and transmit them via satellite phone to any e-mail address anywhere in the world. While their flight that day did not involve tests on that system, they still had it installed and operational on their Cessna 206.

"I looked down and saw what appeared to be a dark gray raft carrying people," Raymond said. "The Coast



Photo by Terry Raymond

A U.S. Coast Guard vessel moves in to rescue three Cuban refugees floating in a 13-foot raft in the Gulf of Mexico near Key West, Fla. The raft was first spotted by a CAP aircrew flying an Advanced Technology Group test mission April 25.

Guard had briefed us the area we were searching could be part of an escape route for Cuban refugees, so I immediately thought of that. Even though I wasn't in the right position for taking photos, I grabbed the camera and got the best shots possible."

Using the test equipment, Raymond immediately transferred his digital images of the raft onto the onboard

laptop computer. He then used the ARNAV RCOM-100 satellite phone and Globalstar network to transmit the photos by e-mail to the USCG. He was able to get the high-resolution photos of the raft to authorities within two minutes and was also able to talk with authorities over the same phone line.

The Coast Guard re-

quested the CAP aircraft remain onsite and immediately dispatched a cutter to intercept the refugees. The CAP crew took additional photos of the intercept. The three refugees were uninjured and eventually were repatriated to Cuba.

CAP and Raytheon had just concluded a formal pre-

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AT A GLANCE

■ SC receives AFA unit-of-year award

SOUTH CAROLINA — During the 2003 Air Force Association South Carolina State Convention May 3, South Carolina Wing's Spartanburg Composite Squadron was awarded the AFA's Outstanding South Carolina CAP Unit of the Year Award.

Lt. Col. Charles Glace, commander of the Spartanburg squadron, received the commemorative plaque from Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Bath, director, U.S. Air Force Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs at Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C., and AFA South Carolina State President Bush Hanson.

The squadron was also the wing's 2002 squadron of the year winner.

■ GA cadet receives scholarship

GEORGIA — A Georgia Wing cadet was awarded an Army National Guard Georgia Military Scholarship to attend North Georgia Military College in Dahlonega, Ga.

Maj. Michael Murphy, son of Tim and Nancy Murphy of Calhoun, Ga., was one of only 39 recipient's statewide to obtain the scholarship's necessary congressional nomination and meet the rigorous academic requirements for the scholarship.

Murphy is the cadet advisor of the Calhoun Composite Squadron. He graduated from Calhoun High School with honors in May.

In addition to Murphy's military and scholastic achievements, he is a member of his high school's football, wrestling and track teams.

■ IL cadet Silver Medallion awardee

ILLINOIS — An Illinois Wing cadet has been awarded the prestigious Silver Medallion honor.

Maj. James Thompson of the 286th Composite Squadron received the honor from East-Alton Wood River High School for completing high school in the top 8 percent of his class. Silver medallion honors are sponsored by local-area businesses.

James also received a scholarship from the Madison County Firefighter's Association for his first year of fire sciences studies at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Ill.

■ NM cadet to attend USAF Academy

NEW MEXICO — A New Mexico Wing cadet has been accepted to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Kate Schifani, daughter of David and Marian

Schifani of Albuquerque, N.M., was one of 1,500 students admitted for the 2003-'04 year.

The academy admits 15 percent of all qualified applicants and requires recommendations by the applicant's congressional representative. Kate received her recommendation from Sen. Pete Domenici. Kate is captain of her basketball and golf teams, as well as a soccer player. She is involved in many other extracurricular activities as well. She hopes to attain the level of cadet colonel this spring in the New Mexico Wings Civil Air Patrol.

■ NAFI renews master CFI rating

ILLINOIS — The National Association of Flight Instructors renewed an Illinois Wing member's master certified flight instructor designation.

Abbie J Friddell, an independent Chicago-area CFI and a resident of Barrington, Ill., was renewed by NAFI, her professional aviation organization.

There are approximately 81,000 CFIs in the United States and fewer than 300 of them have achieved the master CFI distinction thus far. The last seven NAFI national flight instructors of the year were master CFIs.

Friddell is one of only seven Illinois aviation educators who have earned this prestigious "master" title.

2003 NCC

Cadets prepare for long-awaited national competition

Melanie LeMay

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — The top 168 male and female Civil Air Patrol cadets are gearing up to match brains and brawn at the National Cadet Competition June 25-28 at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright State University and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base — all in Dayton, Ohio.

"If you want to see a group of young people who truly have 'the right stuff,' watch the cadets at National Cadet Competition," said Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling, CAP national commander.

More than 27,000 youth from ages 12 through 21 are volunteer cadet members of CAP, which is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

The 168 cadet finalists have advanced to the national event after

winning preliminary local, state and regional competitions based on teamwork in precision drill, physical fitness and academic challenges. They complete most of their preliminary training and competitions on their own time and largely at their own expense.

Each of CAP's eight regions is sending a five-person color guard team and a 16-person drill team to the national event, which will include three days of continuous classroom and field competition. The drill and color guard contests scheduled for June 27 are always a highlight of the yearly event and provide a great news day, since competing cadets don military-style uniforms and perform precision drills requiring many months of planning and practice.

CAP has held a national cadet competition since 1948, only seven years after CAP itself was formed.

During the cadet competition, the number-one drill team and color guard team in the nation will receive the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Sweepstakes Trophy, and top-ranking cadets will be named in several categories.

The CAP cadet program is especially appealing to young men and women interested in aviation or military careers. However, its leadership programs are valuable for students of all interests, and are unusual in creating so many high-achievers independent of the school setting.

"These cadets and their families dedicate an enormous amount of time and resources to CAP. That kind of volunteerism represents the best of

what this country is all about," Bowling said. "It's heartening to know that our next generation of adults will include CAP cadets who took time during their teen years to develop the leadership and team-building skills that will serve our nation in the future."

Cadet programs are also helping acclimate students to the government's emphasis on national security. Since CAP was placed under the new Air Force directorate for homeland security last year, cadets are beginning to assist their squadrons with security exercises. In the course of such work, they are learning about radio communications, disaster relief and search and rescue operations.

This year's competition, which will highlight the accomplishments of the Wright Brothers' first powered flight 100 years ago, is registered as one of the nation's official Centennial of Flight events.



Spaatz recipient



U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr., vice commander of Air Education and Training Command, presents the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award certificate (#1483) to Cadet Col. Jonathan Sundman at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Sundman, a member of CAP since 1996, is a member of Texas Wing's Randolph Composite Squadron. The 20-year-old is pursuing a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz. He said his career goal is to become a fighter pilot in the Air Force.

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sensation of the equipment the day before for high-ranking military officials, including Air Force Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and commander of the U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo. During that presentation, an airborne CAP flight crew was able to take and transmit a clear digital photo of a surface ship spotted on radar within minutes, via e-mail, using a satellite telephone link from a laptop computer in the aircraft to Raytheon's First Responder and other computers on the ground.

"This technology significantly improves CAP's capabilities in reconnaissance as well as search and rescue," said Col. Drew Alexa, who heads CAP's Advanced Technologies Group. "The equipment is far less bulky than our older photography systems. With this new digital imaging system, we need only carry a digital camera, a laptop and the system itself. The whole system weighs only about 12 pounds."

Alexa said the new technology is

also important because it eliminates the need for each CAP mission flight to have a ground crew waiting with special equipment to receive the images.

"With our older medium-resolution video imaging systems, we had to have a ground crew within the proper proximity of the aircraft to receive the images from the plane and transmit them to the waiting customer. Since the ARNAV system uses e-mail and high-resolution digital camera technology, we can send better photos in a shorter period of time directly to the customer's e-mail address. Essentially we're cutting out the middle man in the transmission."

Alexa and his team researched the ARNAV system and its ability to link with the Nikon CoolPix 5700 digital cameras and standard laptop computers commonly used by units in the field. As a result of the successful tests, CAP hopes to purchase several of the new digital imaging systems for its eight regions within the United States, with additional purchases expected in the future.

New congressional member



Cadet Capt. Kendra Sand, right, of Minnesota Wing's Valley Cadet Squadron, presents Minnesota Congressman John Kline, who represents the state's 2nd Congressional District, a Civil Air Patrol flight suit as a part of the congressman's induction into the CAP Congressional Squadron. The special induction ceremony was held at the Gen. Rawlings Chapter/Air Force Association Senior Executive Luncheon April 18. Valley squadron members Maj. Charlotte Miller, commander, and Cadet Maj. Dan Nordin look on.

■ Oregon aircrew scores 'find' Locates truck after it rolls into Deschutes River

Lt. Col. Thomas Traver
Public Affairs Officer
Oregon Wing

OREGON — The Oregon Wing was credited with a find for locating a missing pickup truck near the Warm Springs Confederated Indian Reservation.

The truck belonged to a 37-year-old resident of the reservation who was fishing along the Deschutes River with his two daughters, age 5 and 3.

The intensive search was initiated after the truck rolled into the river with the youngest daughter inside. As the father attempted to get her out of the vehicle when it began floating down the swift, flood-swollen river, the older daughter, who escaped from the truck before it entered the water,

ran to a nearby house for assistance.

The truck was located partially submerged in the river by scanner 1st Lt. Dave Gray, who felt the "rapids" created by the truck in the swift flowing river were too uniform.

Along with Gray, Capt. Dick Weichman, pilot, and 2nd Lt. Avi Garg, observer, flew over the site several times and determined the rapids were created by an object rather than rocks. They were sure they could see the back window and outline of the truck's cab.

A wing "high bird," piloted by Capt. Don Butler and 2nd Lt. Dave Taylor, maintained communications with the ground search crews in the hilly and mountainous area and provided aerial digital

photos to assist in the search. The photos were also used by local print and broadcast media in their coverage of the search.

Shortly after, a Blackhawk helicopter from the 1042 Air Ambulance Company of the Oregon Army National Guard out of Salem, Oregon, was dispatched to the remote site. They confirmed that wing aircrews had in fact located the truck and determined there were survivors inside.

The bodies of the father and his daughter were found three days later by authorities after they had washed up on the river's shore several miles down stream from where the truck had been located.

Capt. Bob Asher served as the wing's incident commander for this mission.

FIRST FLIGHT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WRIGHT BROTHERS NATIONAL MEMORIAL KITTY HAWK, N.C. ✦ DEC. 13-17, 2003

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- ✓ When calling the 800 number above, please be patient and listen to the prompts for the best service.



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Centennial Circle membership is available exclusively through the First Flight Centennial Foundation, the fundraising partner of the National Park Service/Wright Brothers National Memorial. Visit our Web site or e-mail us at info@firstflightcentennial.org for more information on this limited opportunity (offered on a first-come, first-served basis and moving quickly).

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: CAP BoG member-at-large nominations

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Section 9447 of Title 10 U.S. Code established a Board of Governors as the governing body of Civil Air Patrol. This Board is comprised of 11 members: four members appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force, four members of CAP, and three members appointed jointly by the secretary of the Air Force and the CAP national commander from personnel of any federal government agencies, public corporations, nonprofit associations and other organizations that have an interest and expertise in civil aviation and the CAP mission.

Two of the CAP members serving on this board are the national commander and the national vice commander, with the other two being selected from the membership at large for a four-year term.

One of the member-at-large positions has now become vacant. CAP Regulation 35-9, *Board of Governor and Wing Commander Appointment Procedures*, states when a vacancy occurs an announcement will be made to the general membership. CAP members may nominate themselves to serve on the BoG. Minimum requirements for this position are: Senior member in good standing; CAP grade of major or above; earned the Paul G. Garber Award (Level IV); and have at least five years CAP membership.

Corporate officers may apply, but if selected, must resign as a corporate officer prior to accepting the board position. Interested members should submit a letter requesting consideration with an attached CAP resume (other qualifications that have a direct relationship to CAP may be included). Requests must be sent to the CAP National Executive Committee through HQ CAP/LMM at the following address: HQ CAP/LMM, Attn: BOG Nominations, 105 South Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332. **Nominations must be postmarked not later than June 30, 2003.**

All requests for consideration will be reviewed by the CAP National Executive Committee in accordance with the procedures outlined in CAPR 35-9, Paragraph 2, at a special meeting to be held on Aug. 24, 2003, in Las Vegas.

If additional information or assistance is required, you may contact Susan P. Parker, deputy director of Membership Services at (877) 227-9142, Ext. 212, by fax at (334) 953-4262 or by e-mail at sparker@capnhq.gov.



'A common bond'

CAP joins in historic Columbia shuttle recovery

"There was something about this disaster that gave every person who worked it a common bond."

Milton Fairley, FEMA coordinating officer
The Washington Post, April 2003

Melanie LeMay
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — After space shuttle Columbia crashed on Feb. 1, Civil Air Patrol helped recover debris scattered across several states in a search of unprecedented size and scope.

Ironically, CAP members in Florida had just flown more than 100 hours in security missions above the Columbia launch site three weeks before, demonstrating the range of needs CAP was able to meet.

CAP units in Texas were placed on alert immediately following the crash and the headquarters National Operations Center established ongoing contact with the first-responder agencies. NASA worked with local law enforcement and federal emergency management officials in Texas to set up the response protocol, and CAP was asked to join the effort on Feb. 7.

Chief of Emergency Services John Desmarais immediately left to

serve as the headquarters liaison officer, operating out of the command post at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and working with the Texas Wing incident commander, Lt. Col. Bobbie Daniels. He was later spelled by chief of the NOC, Rick McDow, and then by Joe Curry of headquarters emergency services plans.

Initially, Texas Wing aircrews flew sorties over eastern Texas, using digital cameras and slow-scan video to document the location of possible shuttle debris for further investigation. CAP ground crews followed up, working with the Department of Public Safety. Their work was coordinated from the NASA Mishap Investigation Team site at Lufkin, Texas.

Within days, the missions expanded to include the California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and Louisiana wings. CAP flew more than 475 hours in support of the recovery and identified numerous pieces of debris for further investigation.

CAP National Headquarters supported the effort with personnel



Above, members of the Nevada Wing search for shuttle debris as part of a mission which covered a 30-square-mile area near the Utah-Nevada border. At right, a suspected piece of debris recovered by Nevada personnel is shown in perspective beside a hand-held GPS receiver.



onsite in the first critical days of the missions. The NOC was continuously manned during the search, and a total of 46 people assigned to national headquarters helped support the operation from start to finish. CAP worked not only with the NASA Mishap Investigation Team, but also with various federal, state, and local agencies and organizations, including FEMA, the Department of Transportation and the National Transportation Safety Board.

The majority of sorties were flown in Texas (170), followed by Nevada's 25. Texas had 701 members involved in the search for a total of 407 flight hours. Nevada contributed 205 members to the search for a total of 56 flight hours. California contributed 26 members to the search, Arizona contributed 12, Utah had eight and Louisiana had two. In all, CAP contributed 1,000 people to the shuttle search effort.

CAP's participation in the recovery effort continued until March 17. The overall recovery effort continued into May. As of the end of May, an unprecedented total of about 14,000 searchers had scoured a swath of the southwest United States almost the size of Rhode Island. To date, the searchers have recovered more than 70,000 pieces of the fallen Columbia, or almost 40 percent of its unfueled weight.

Some 130 federal, state and local agencies cooperated in the project, a major accomplishment in itself. "There was something about this disaster that gave every person that worked it a common bond," FEMA coordinating officer Milton Fairley told *The Washington Post* in an April interview.



Civil Air Patrol staff worked at the command post at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La. where, as shown above in this photo taken Feb. 8, debris was collected and cataloged prior to shipment to the Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

2003 Region/Wing Commanders Course 'phenomenal'

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — "Phenomenal" was how Illinois Wing Commander Col. Jay R. Burrell described the 2003 Region/Wing Commanders Course, held at CAP National Headquarters.

CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, CAP Executive Director Col. Al Allenback and the national headquarters team hosted 21 commanders and vice commanders at the annual event.

Presented by the Professional Development Division and supported by all headquarters directorates, the course is designed to give new region and wing commanders insight into issues of interest to them as senior commanders and as corporate officers. Attendees were offered a variety of segments covering leadership and management topics, as well as an in-depth orientation to the role and services offered by the headquarters.

Attendees were briefed on the function and composition of CAP-U.S. Air Force, recent legal issues, their responsibilities as corporate officers, and discuss CAP's en-

try into homeland security. Attendees also held discussions with members of CAP's national leadership team. Each of these presentations was given with an eye toward the 2003 theme — "Safety, teamwork, accountability."

During the seven-day course, the commanders heard from CAP and Air Force leaders, including Bowling, CAP National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Dwight Wheless, Allenback, and CAP-USAF Commander Col. George Vogt. Discussions focused on leadership and management issues, with special emphasis on future goals and objectives for the organization.

In addition, Dr. Richard Lester, dean of Academic Affairs for Air University's Ira C. Eaker College of Professional Development at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and internationally known author, gave a special presentation on command leadership.

Attendees reported that their experiences at the course helped them gain a greater appreciation for their role as representatives for



Graduates of the 2003 Civil Air Patrol Commanders Course.

the more 65,000 members who serve in the Air Force Auxiliary today.

Finally, the commanders had the opportunity to visit headquarters' offices, which gave them a chance to match faces with names of staff members and form bonds which will last through their tours as commanders.

The commanders' course is open to all newly appointed region and wing commanders and vice-commanders.

The 2003 attendees were: Col. Charles S. Glass, Middle East Region; Col. William W. Webb, Great Lakes Region; Col. Valerie M. Brown, Southeast Region; Col. Rodney W. Ammons, Louisiana Wing; Col. Jay R. Burrell, Illinois Wing; Col. Jack D. Butterfield, Utah Wing; Col. Dion E. DeCamp, Nevada Wing; Col. Cornelius J. Flynn III, New Jersey Wing; Col. Charles D. Greene, Georgia Wing; Col. Clair D. Jowett, Wisconsin

Wing; Col. William R. Morton Jr., Wyoming Wing; Col. James M. Rushing, Tennessee Wing; Col. Margie L. Sambold, New Hampshire Wing; Col. Mitchell P. Sammons, Maine Wing; Col. Russell E. Smith, Iowa Wing; Col. Roy L. Stephenson, Washington Wing; Col. John E. Tilton, Alabama Wing; Col. Jan E. Van Hoven, Montana Wing; Col. John J. Varljen, Arizona Wing; Col. John B. Wilkes, Mississippi Wing.

CAP units receive \$5,000 in Aerospace Education Foundation grants

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — The Air Force Association's Aerospace Education Foundation has awarded \$5,000 in grants to 20 Civil Air Patrol units.

The AEF, which was established in 1956 by the Air Force Association, provides educational opportunities for America's youth. Since that time, the AEF has provided more than \$80,000 to CAP units and schools in support of their aerospace education programs.

The next awards cycle for CAP units will be Summer 2003. The application deadline is June 30, 2003.

For the Winter 2002 cycle, the following list of winners will receive \$250 each:

✓ 8049th Composite Squadron, Florida Wing;

✓ Chilton County Composite Squadron, Alabama Wing;
✓ Dakota Ridge Composite Squadron, Colorado Wing;
✓ Delta Composite Squadron, Texas Wing;
✓ Douglas Composite Squadron, Colorado Wing;
✓ Greeley Composite Squadron, Colorado Wing;
✓ Henry County Composite Squadron, Tennessee Wing;
✓ Luke AFB Cadet Squadron, Arizona Wing;
✓ Missouri Wing Headquarters;
✓ Moca HS Cadet Squadron, Puerto Rico Wing;
✓ Monroe Composite Squadron,

Michigan Wing;
✓ Mustang Cadet Squadron, Colorado Wing;
✓ Phoenix Composite Squadron, New York Wing;
✓ River City Composite Squadron, Missouri Wing;
✓ River Park Composite Squadron, Illinois Wing;
✓ Royal Cadet Squadron, Connecticut Wing;
✓ Stratford Eagles Squadron, Connecticut Wing;
✓ Tallahassee Composite Squadron, Florida Wing;
✓ Valkyrie Cadet Squadron, Colorado Wing; and
✓ Valley Cadet Squadron, Minnesota Wing.



BEST-KEPT SECRET!

Glad to report old catch-phrase doesn't apply to CAP anymore

I am glad to report the old catch phrase, "best-kept secret," doesn't apply to Civil Air Patrol anymore.

Records at CAP National Headquarters show that during the past seven months alone, articles about CAP appeared in publications that reached more than 23.5 million readers throughout the country. Many of these stories ran in national publications such as *Defense Week*, *Aviation for Women*, *Today's Officer* and the *Homeland Defense Journal*. Feature stories also appeared in major newspapers such as the *Washington Post* and *Boston Globe*, and television stations such as FOX News Chicago ran in-depth stories on CAP members and their missions.

Our Public Affairs Directorate, now positioned as part of national headquarters' Strategic Communications and Planning Directorate, has worked hard to increase CAP's national visibility, and at no time in our history has this been more important than it is today. Like so many federal and corporate programs, we're coping with across-the-board cuts in budget that we must recoup through alternate sources of funding, including corporate partnerships.

To appeal to potential corporate partners, CAP must be widely known as the vital, member-driven organization it is. We can most effectively deal with prospective partners when they know who we are and what we do.

Our recent national media attention has

helped, and we've garnered positive exposure through our NASCAR program as well. Staying in the public eye is an ongoing process, however, and all of us must work together to sustain the momentum we've built.

Representing CAP to the public isn't just the job of the public relations people at national headquarters. Nor is it solely the job of CAP

and we recharged our PR staff's efforts to help PAOs out in the field.

People want to join organizations with a good reputation, and those efforts to enhance our image resulted in a consistent membership increase that continues unabated, making CAP one of the fastest-growing nonprofit organizations in the nation.

A positive public image also helps our members approach and work with other agencies in their communities. Local law enforcement and disaster relief organizations are more willing to call on us for help when they trust us, know we can deliver what we promise and perceive us as professionals who can make real contributions in a crisis. It's our job to promote CAP to these local agencies and establish relationships with them before they actually need us. The last thing an official wants is to deal with an unknown quantity in the midst of a crisis.

Promoting CAP also helps employers understand and appreciate their staff who volunteer for CAP missions. Those same employers, when convinced that CAP benefits their communities, can become financial supporters as well.

As our Advanced Technologies Group continues to work with major corporations producing today's state-of-the-art equipment, it's to CAP's advantage these organizations perceive us as trained professionals with a serious approach to our missions and an ongoing interest in national security.

From the Federal Emergency Management Agency representative in your city

to your senator on

Capitol Hill, the response of those

who can both benefit from and promote CAP

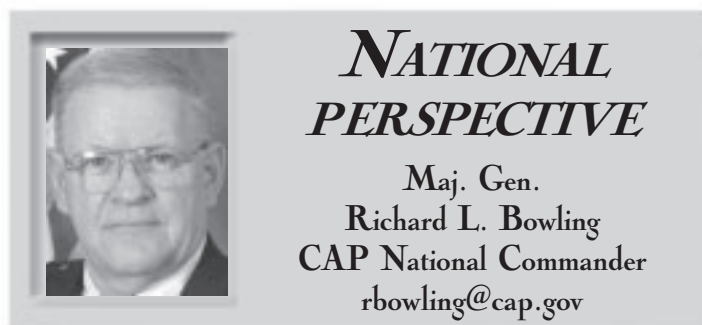
depends on the public's overall perception of our values, degree of dedication, professionalism, training, skills and motives. As a

member of CAP, you demonstrate all those qualities each time you

venture out into your world, whether you're in uniform or not.

In short, no matter what your duty assignment, you're an ambassador for CAP — day in and day out. In its own way, this job is as important as any mission you may ever perform. I encourage you to take it seriously, for in the end, CAP will reap the benefits.

Semper vigilans!



volunteer leaders or volunteer public affairs officers.

Representing CAP is the job of each and every member. By your appearance in uniform, your demeanor during a mission, your attitude toward your assignments and your quality of work, you exemplify CAP to the people in your community. That's grassroots public relations, and that's where all of us, as members, should focus — promoting CAP as a group of professionals with sound values, dedicated to our nation and the willingness to do whatever it takes to make our communities safer and smarter.

I can't overstate the positive effects of a strong public image. Certainly it affects our membership numbers.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, our membership numbers — like those of many other military and volunteer organizations — suddenly increased. After a few months, membership numbers leveled off for most groups, but CAP's continued to rise. This was no doubt due, in part, to the startup of CAP's NASCAR sponsorship, which resulted in regular media coverage for the CAP No. 46 Chevrolet and its driver, Ashton Lewis Jr.

We also put new emphasis on national media relations in our headquarters public affairs office



Many of the stories published ran in national publications such as *Defense Week*, *Aviation for Women*, *Today's Officer* and *Homeland Defense Journal*. Feature stories also appeared in major newspapers such as the *Washington Post* and *Boston Globe*, and television stations such as FOX News Chicago ran in-depth stories on CAP members and their missions.

On that day I was proud to be a CAP member ...

A plane was missing and a mission had been called. Planes and crews from all over the state were gathering to find and hopefully rescue the pilot. As a mission-qualified observer I also responded to the call.

The mission base was a two-hour flight from my home so I met the mission pilot very early on a Saturday morning. Our plan was to fly to the mission base, participate in the search and then return home. After contacting the incident commander to inform him we were coming, we pre-flighted one of the wing's aircraft and took off.

The pilot and I had known each other for some time so we were familiar and comfortable with each other. We used the free time on the flight to share what we knew about the progress of the mission and what efforts were being made.

As we approached the mission base, we established radio contact. The incident commander told us he might have an inbound tasking for us and, at that point, he assigned us a search sortie.

As the observer, I did some

and a thorough search of the area.

We arrived at the mission base to find the flight line and surrounding buildings clogged with active and energetic Civil Air Patrol personnel.

We then made our way to the check-in station and then to the debriefing room. We were then directed to a place where we could rest, and get something to eat and drink, if we wanted.

I found a nice place to lounge for a while. Many of the wing's planes were being used for this

mission and new sorties were being dispatched every 20 minutes or so. I was told I would be needed for a flight crew after a short wait.

While I was waiting, I listened to the discussions, briefings and radio messages that were going on at the base. The mission had been active for more than two days and there were two wings involved in the search for a single-engine plane with one person aboard.

A partial radar track was available, but the area was replete with lakes, mountains and wooded areas. Ground teams were active in at least two sites and local law enforcement officials were bringing in dogs to search the lakes. I was intrigued because I had not ever heard of dogs that could be helpful in finding bodies in the water.

I was beginning to prepare for my next sortie when the IC approached me and asked to speak with me. We found a quiet room and he, along with his staff, explained that the plane had been found and verified. The pilot — who had been killed in the crash — had been identified. He was a low-time visual-flight-rules pilot who had inadvertently flown into bad weather and then hit a mountain.

The IC then asked me if I was a chaplain. I said I was. At sign-in I had indicated I was a chaplain, but not the mission chaplain. Another chaplain in the wing was handling that responsibility.

"Good," he said, "at the same time I received the news about the



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fatality I received news the family is on its way to the mission base. I need your help in informing the family."

My initial thought was we would all need help.

We decided we would find a quiet room large enough to hold the family. The commander would inform them the death had been verified, share as many details as he could and then let me talk with the family for as long as necessary.

When the family arrived, we proceeded as planned. The commander did a very good job of expressing his sadness about their loss and answering their questions. He then excused himself and I talked with them for more than an hour. We talked of life, death, flying and CAP. As a pastor, I was able to draw my experience of working with grieving families. As a pilot, I was able to relate my understanding of flight situations and decisions. And as a CAP member, I was able to convey our collective sorrow and devotion to caring for them by committing ourselves to finding out what had happened.

I answered questions and offered resources for their comfort.

After they left, the commander and I had time to share about the situation. Everyone around us was busy preparing to leave and closing down the mission. He was genuinely grateful I had been available and expressed a relief that we had been able to work as a team to help bring closure to this effort.

On that day, I was proud to be a CAP member. I was proud I was a mission-qualified observer. And I was especially proud I was a chaplain.



FOCUS ON SERVICE

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quick navigational calculations and we turned to a new heading. We arrived at the entrance to our search area and completed our search as assigned.

The pilot was an experienced and skilled mission pilot, and we were able to report good visibility



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Researchers prove 'moth effect' causes accidents

With spring in the air, and more of our members taking to the highways for CAP activities or vacations, I thought it would be a good idea to discuss a phenomenon that law enforcement officers have been aware of for some time. In fact, you may have seen video of this phenomenon on the "Cops" television program.

The "moth effect"—sometimes called "the fascination phenomenon" or "highway hypnosis"—causes thousands of crashes annually. By any name, it's the tendency of drivers to focus on an object outside their intended path of travel and steer involuntarily into it.

A collision due to this effect occurs in good weather on straight, dry roads with drivers unimpaired by alcohol or medication. In a typical year in the state of Illinois, more than 54,000 drivers collide with cars parked legally on the side of the road!

The sheer number of these accidents makes you suspicious that some kind of phenomenon is at work. Researchers have explored

the "moth effect" and have found that motorists strike marked police cars with flashing lights twice as much as unmarked cars.

Researchers have concluded

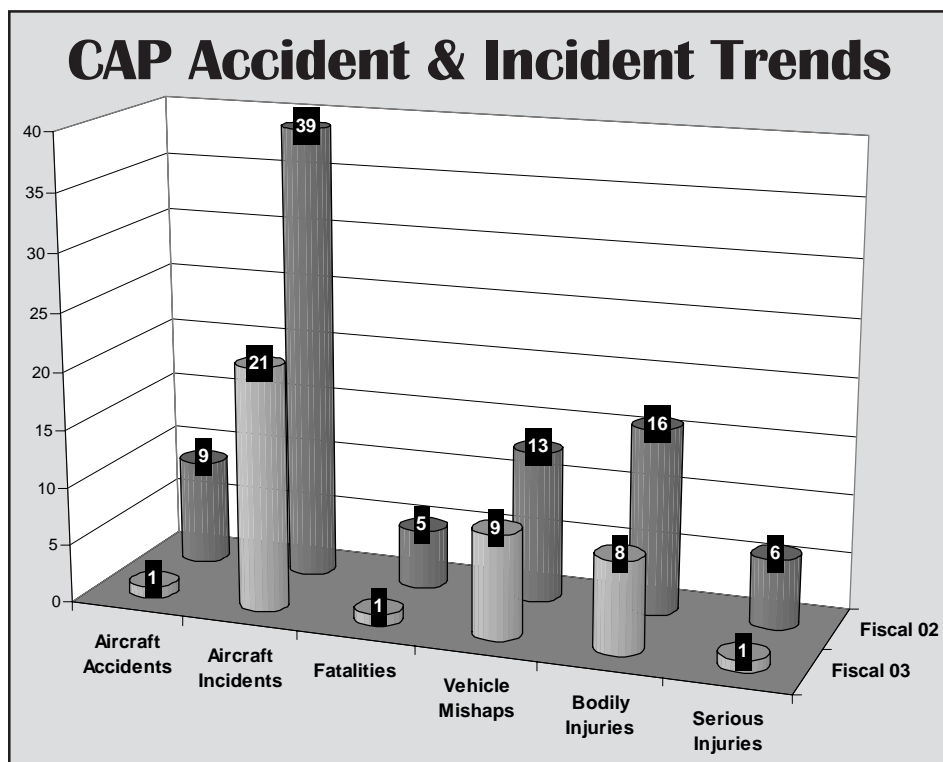
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that our eyes are especially attracted to lights that move, blink or change color—just like police lights or the hazard flashers on stopped cars. By focusing on any object outside your intended path of travel, you tend to unconsciously steer toward it.

If an emergency forces you to the side of the road, it's best to pull well onto the shoulder and away from traffic. Turn on your emergency hazard lights on and raise the hood in dry weather. If possible, wait for help away from your car—preferably on a high bank where your car is still in sight.

While driving, the following recommendations will help you



avoid the "moth effect":

Stay well rested;

Take frequent breaks to vary the routine of your drive;

Don't rely on coffee to keep you alert because caffeine effects are temporary and can't substitute for rest;

Avoid focusing on lights or other objects stopped on the shoulder;

Keep your focus down the road on your intended path of travel—any glances at stopped vehicles should be brief; and

Learn to recognize fatigue and complacency.

Follow the above-mentioned steps and the odds are you won't be drawn into a bad situation like the moth into a flame! Stay safe!

CAP cadets — Never say 'can't, 'aim high'!

Civil Air Patrol News Editor:

Back when I was the commander for of California Wing's Tehachapi Composite Squadron, I had the privilege of working with (or running after) Maj. Ivan Acosta.

Maj. Acosta was the Edwards AFB Composite Squadron commander and Group 6 Cadet Programs officer. I also had the opportunity of working with him to get the 2001 California Wing drill team all the way to the CAP National Cadet Competition.

Maj. Acosta is also a former Spaatz cadet, and I can only add that the CAP Cadet Program produces some of our nation's best!

Maj. Acosta has since transferred out of Edwards to Florida, where he has just been chosen to run Florida Wing Cadet Pro-

grams, among other things, and they are sure lucky to get him!

In his "real" life, Ivan is an Air Force first lieutenant working in the space industry—a dream of his that has fast become a reality under the Air Force Institute of Technology's Education With Industry program.

Presently, Ivan works with the United Space Alliance's middle management to solve problems and achieve company objectives for the day-to-day operations of NASA's space shuttle program. So far, he has become involved in the Solid Rocket Booster Element and Ground Operations.

In the SRB program, he worked on an updates program and currently works on return-to-flight initiatives with the SRB section's chief engineer's office. Ivan will be faced with the challenges of operating within the strict safety

and quality demands of space flight while assigned to U.S. Alliance.

But Ivan has faced many challenges before. In addition to his two years as commander of the Edwards squadron and two years as Group 6's Cadet Programs officer, he also participated in the International Air Cadet Exchange, attending as both a cadet and senior member. And while serving as both a CAP and Air Force active duty member, he continues to work on his masters in business administration.

The message here is a wonderful one: CAP cadets—never say can't and "aim high"!

Respectfully submitted for no particular reason other than to emphasize the quality of our CAP personnel and their attributes, and the drive and knowledge they bring to Civil Air Patrol.

Maj. Carol Schaub Schlager
Commander, Group 6
California Wing

Letters to the Editor

CP rolls out improved Staff Duty Analysis program

Cadets and their leaders asked for a handbook explaining in simple terms how to use staff duty analyses to develop leadership skills. On June 1, they got their wish when a new pamphlet took effect — CAPP 52-14, Staff Duty Analysis: Cadet Leadership in the Air Force Auxiliary.

In cadet officers' quests to become better leaders, the SDA program was designed to develop their critical thinking, communication and teamwork skills. The revised program will better enable cadets to apply their leadership skills and acquire new ones while studying a working squadron staff.

Members familiar with the SDA program will find its fundamental procedures will continue as outlined in CAP Regulation 52-16. To complete SDAs, cadet officers will analyze a staff position, shadow staff officers and assist them in performing valuable tasks for their squadron, and then report their findings in writing. Commanders or leadership officers supervise the program. Other senior members take part by mentoring the cadets who study their position.

SDAs have been a component of the CAP Cadet Program for more than 30 years. Previous generations were tested on their ability to memorize CAP policies and form numbers, but it was difficult to keep the tests current as CAP publications evolved. Also, cadets used to be tasked with fulfilling staff responsibilities outside the normal purview of the cadet structure.

In contrast, the revised SDA program emphasizes leadership skills that cadets can use throughout their lives, while still contributing to the squadron's mission as cadet officers.

In April, the new CAPP 52-14 was available on the Web at www.cap.gov (click "Cadet Programs" and "Updates"). In May, all units were automatically mailed a courtesy copy. Also beginning in May, new cadet officers received the pamphlet when they purchased the Phase III and IV Packet from the CAP Bookstore.

Cadet units began implementing the SDA program June 1, as outlined in the new CAPP 52-14.



New directorate stands-up at NHQ

The national Cadet Programs team now makes its home under the newly formed Leadership Development & Membership Services Directorate.

The move brings together corporate team professionals who recruit members, develop and administer programs for cadets and cadets' leaders and manage members' records. The change is part of the corporate team's transformation at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., launched under the leadership of CAP Executive Director Col. Al Allenback.

Members should continue to contact the same people at Cadet Programs who have helped them meet their needs in the past, and expect the same great service.

New SDA features

The new SDA features include the following:

- ❖ Clearer program goals and a greater emphasis on developing leadership skills that will be of lasting value to cadets, versus technical training in staff procedures with limited applicability outside of CAP;

- ❖ Simplified instructions that make it easier for cadets and their leaders to understand how to implement the program;

- ❖ An attractive, easy-to-follow layout that includes more bulleted lists and call-outs than the previous edition;

- ❖ A sample SDA report to aid cadets in formatting their work and visualizing the quality of work expected of them;

- ❖ Guidelines for leaders on how to evaluate cadet performance; and

- ❖ Meaningful performance requirements for both SDA reports and staff service that mean much of the work cadets will do to complete SDAs will be beneficial to their squadron as well as themselves.

Leaders' training guide overhauled

Just as cadets advance their training, the senior members who lead them improve their own skills, too. The main resource for cadet leaders' professional development is CAPP 216, Cadet Programs Officer Specialty Track Study Guide. A new edition of this pamphlet went into

effect on June 1.

The guide is governed by CAPR 50-17 and is used by seniors enrolled in the Cadet Programs Officer specialty track, a self-paced, on-the-job training program. Cadet leaders voluntarily participate in this program, which is designed to help them become more effective at implementing the cadet program in their unit.

Seniors familiar with the existing CAPP 216 will find the revised pamphlet follows the same guidelines as have been used in the past: Students study publications that affect the cadet program, shadow a more experienced cadet leader, and demonstrate their ability to fulfill the training objectives as they lead and support cadets.

New to the specialty track are open-book tests. The tests will help students ensure they meet the training objectives, thereby promoting confidence in the leaders who achieve specialty track ratings.

The revised CAPP 216 is available on-line at www.cap.gov (click "Cadet Programs" and "Updates"). Additionally, all squadrons were mailed a courtesy copy in May. The new pamphlet became effective June 1.

New guide features

New study guide features include

- ❖ Clearer program goals, including a more thorough overview, enabling students, trainers, and com-

manders to comprehend the intent of the training program;

- ❖ A more graduated approach to the subject matter, with training being delivered when students are likely to be serving in positions that require that level of knowledge;

- ❖ Simplified instructions that help students succeed with their self-study;

- ❖ A concise reading list, pointing students and trainers to the relevant sections of CAP publications that correspond to the training requirements;

- ❖ Practical advice for the trainer on mentoring and implementing the on-the-job program;

- ❖ Revised objectives that are more specific and easier for trainers to measure;

- ❖ Tests to ensure students achieve the training objectives, thereby promoting confidence in the leaders who achieve specialty track ratings;

- ❖ Optional discussion topics to help students better understand the relevance of their training; and

- ❖ An attractive, easy to follow layout, including more visual aids and bulleted lists.



New honor guard resource

Squadrons wishing to develop a honor guard have a new resource — CAPP 52-8, CAP Unit Honor Guard Program, which went into effect on June 1.

More than a simple color guard, an honor guard consists of up to four elements: colors, ceremonial, funeral and drama; and they offer cadets yet one more opportunity to develop leadership skills while serving their community.

Leaders will find the new pamphlet explains how to start an honor guard, describes the role senior members play in the program and provides detailed instructions on how to perform honor guard maneuvers.

CAPR 52-16, which governs this pamphlet, states that units may develop a honor guard program, but participation is not mandatory. The new pamphlet is on-line at www.cap.gov (click "Cadet Programs" and "Updates"). Additionally, a courtesy copy was mailed to each unit in May.

Former CA cadet safely lands battle-damaged A-10 'Warthog'

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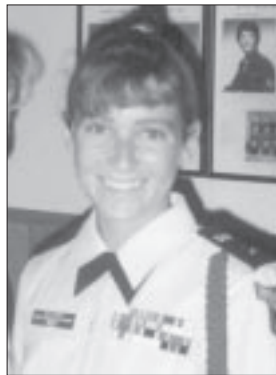
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — When Kim (Reed) Campbell joined Civil Air Patrol in 1988, she couldn't have imagined the publicity she'd generate some 15 years later.

An A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot and Air Force captain deployed with the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Campbell drew enemy fire during a close-air support mission over Baghdad April 7. When she successfully flew her damaged "Warthog" back to base, however, she garnered international publicity.

Campbell has always been a standout. As a member of California Wing's John J. Montgomery Cadet Squadron in San Jose, Calif., she rapidly advanced to the position of cadet commander, and in 1993, received an appointment to the U.S.

Air Force Academy.

Once again, Campbell rose to the challenge, eventually earning the position of academy wing commander. She later went on to graduate school in England, studying international relations and conflicts on a Marshall scholarship.



Kim (Reed) Campbell as a cadet in the late '80s.

The concept of international conflicts hit a little too close to home when Campbell, while serving as a fighter pilot in Iraq, became the target of enemy fire. After the attack, her A-10 became uncontrollable, indicating she'd lost hydraulics. "The jet rolled left and pointed toward the ground, which is a pretty uncomfortable feeling over Baghdad,"

she told *Air Force Times* during an April interview.

Since the blasts hit the rear of the plane, Campbell couldn't see the damage. She tried several maneuvers without success, and finally put the aircraft into manual reversion. It be-

gan to respond.

Meanwhile, Campbell's flight leader, Lt. Col. Richard Turner, positioned his own aircraft to assess the damage to her plane. With his help, she was better able to define her options. "I could either try to land a jet that was broken or I could eject ... which I really didn't have any interest in doing," she said.

Ultimately, the decision was Campbell's. "I had no doubt in my mind — I was going to land that airplane," she said.

With that kind of confidence, it's not surprising she successfully landed the battered A-10 that day.

She credits CAP with helping develop her can-do attitude. As a cadet, grew to believe in herself as she mastered basic military skills, and eventually served on the staff for organizing cadet encampments.

Confidence is only as effective as the hard work that accompanies it, Campbell stated. In a talk to CAP cadets several years ago, she said, "Don't ever give up on your dreams or goals. But also realize that, in order to achieve them, you must work hard ... "



Air Force Capt. Kim (Reed) Campbell, a former California Wing cadet, surveys the damage done to A-10 she was flying over Baghdad when it was hit by enemy fire. Campbell has accepted an invitation to be the keynote speaker at CAP's 2003 Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

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MAJ GREG CORTUM	CO
MAJ DAVID DECT	CO
MAJ HAROLD KEN JOHNSTON	CO
SR MBR ALEX G. PUFFAHL	CO
CAPT ETHEL SCOTT	CO
2ND LT RICHARD D. SIMONDS	CO
LT COL ROBERT J. STEPHENSEN	CO
SR MBR LARRY WIDHELM	CO
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1ST LT TOMMY SNOW	DC
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MAJ BENJAMIN NEMSER	FL
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1ST LT LOUCENDY BALL	ID
MAJ JAMES FLETCHER	ID
MAJ JOHN GRUBB	ID
LT COL KAREN BELL	IN
2ND LT CHRIS DEMOPOULUS	IN
1ST LT JOSEPH FRIEL	IN
2ND LT JENNIFER FULLER	IN
CAPT WILLIAM GREFE	IN
CAPT SHARON GROOM	IN
MAJ RAY HIGHFILL	IN
MAJ ANDREW HORBERG	IN
1ST LT SAM HORNBUCKLE	IN
CAPT GERRY INKS	IN
MAJ CARL JYLLAND-HALVERSON	IN
2ND LT WILFRED MAKERE	IN
CAPT JULES MOMINEE	IN
2ND LT JAMES NEHER	IN

2ND LT KARE NESS	IN
CAPT BERT PEPOWSKI	IN
MAJ THADDEUS RADZIWIECKI	IN
CAPT JOSEPH RICH	IN
CAPT DOYAL SHOULTZ	IN
2ND LT MARK TYLER	IN
CAPT DUANE WAGNER	IN
CAPT JOHN FLAHERTY	MA
1ST LT JOSEPH BEDARD	MA
1ST LT ALICE O'CONNELL	MA
SR MBR SUSAN SCHERER	MA
1ST LT DAVID M. ALLEN	ME
2ND LT DANIEL C. HERRICK	ME
SR MBR ELIJAH MARTIN-MERRILL	ME
2ND LT LAURA A. NANGLE	ME
2ND LT RAYMOND H. RECKAMP	ME
1ST LT PETER H. SCHERTENLEIB	ME
MAJ KENN ANDRUS	MI
CAPT MARK BELL	MI
CAPT ALEX CRAIG	MI
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1ST LT JOHN JOHNSON	MI
2ND LT TIMOTHY MORAN	MI
1ST LT KEITH SIKKEMA	MI
MAJ MARK B. WOODRUFF	MI
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1ST LT DONALD M. MCKEOWN	NY
CAPT CHARLES MILLER	NY
1ST LT ROBERT NAAKTGEBOREN	NY
1ST LT PHYLLIS PRUITT	NY
2ND LT SHERLE SLINGERLAND	NY
2ND LT DEB STEARNS	NY
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LT COL DIANE WOJNOWICZ	NY
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1ST LT DAVID JENSEN	UT
1ST LT ROBIN D. HAWK	UT
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CAPT DONNA L. TODD	UT
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CAPT P. SCHAROLD	WA

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BASS, DAVID E.	IN
JENNIFER A. NISWENDER	CO



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CARLOS F. HERRERA	FL
THEODORE A. SPANOS	FL
CASEY SCHROEDER	IA
JESSE A. WEEKS	IL
PHILIP M. FOUST	IN
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TYLER K. PIPES	VA
KENNETH E. BATES	WA
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WAYNE W. CHENEY	AZ
NATHAN L. FRANKLIN	AZ
BRANDON F. WILLIAMS	AZ
JASON P. MUELLER	AZ
MATTHEW S. SWATZELL	AZ
JAMES M. COX	CA
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TIM G. GRANADO	CA
CLARA C. CROSSMAN	CA
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STEPHANIE A. KOETTER	CA
JEREMY W. PEMBERTON	CA
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LANCE R. CARTRITE	CO
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KATELYN M. BAIRD	FL
HARRISON H. WHITING	FL
DANIEL MATTOX	FL
WILLIAM G. DOHERTY, JR.	FL
CRAIG A. ASCHLIMAN, JR.	FL
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DEVON F. SPENCER	FL
JULIO A. RAMIREZ	FL
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ANTHONY R. DARILA	GA
DONAVON CRANER	ID
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KENNETH R. KILVER	IL
BRIAN A. CRAMER	IL
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JOSHUA B. BONNETTE	LA
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SCOTT M. KNIGHTLY	ME
JESSIE M. WHITTAKER	MI
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MICHAEL G. COX	MI
KENDRA R. SAND	MN
BRETT A. KUBAT	MN
JEFFREY R. HAGEN	MN
MARTHA L. JENSEN	MN
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ELIZABETH A. SEMPLER	MT
JONATHAN P. SIMMONS	NC
JAMIE V. GIBBS	NC
JOSHUA V. ELDRIDGE	NE
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BRANDON L. KEA	NE
LUKE A. BRYAN	NE
CHRISTIAN L. NIELSEN	NE
MEAGHAN R. WEPNER	NH
HEATHER G. PINSKY	NJ
ADAM L. KING	NY
JONATHAN D. MARSH	NY
RAYMOND E. CRISPELL	NY
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AUSTIN D. BENNECKER	WA
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ROBERT W. COMBS	AK
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CODY L. LETTENMAIER	AR
ANTHONY M. HASSETT	AR
JAMES M. ALLEN	AR
JAMES A. CARFAGNO	AR
DAVIS K. MOSBY	AR
MICHAEL E. KONVES	AZ
KHLEMENT K. HODGE	CA
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CHRISTOPHER G. WYATT	CA
KEVIN B. HOLBROOK	CA
ZACHARY A. HAMILL	CA
SHILOH Q. DAVIS	CA
SCOTT ADAIR	CA
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ROBERT M. FREED	CA
RAMAN RODRIQUEZ	CA
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ZACHARY R. WERTENBERGER	CO
SAMUEL D. CRAVEN	CO
JEREMY D. ALLEN	CO
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TRISTEN THOMAS	CO
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JACOB E. PETERSON	CO
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JEFFREY M. BARTOS	CT
NIHAL S. DENNIS	DC
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SEBASTIAN COUSINS	FL
STEVEN E. UBILLUS	FL
JACQUELINE N. BROEDEL	FL
JASON R. MASLAN	FL
KYLE D. RAYMOND	FL
SARAH A. VOGT	FL
BRENT E. VAN BESIEEN	FL
BRIAN J. BALCH	FL
ADAM D. VOGT	FL
GEORGE W. FOSTER	FL
CHRISTOPHER D. RUSCIANO	FL
BETHANY C. HOLDER	GA
KELLI P. FOLEY	GA
RYAN M. WIESE	GA
VICTORIA A. JOYE	GA
STEPHEN G. DAVIS	GA
STEVEN PATTERSON	GA
CAITLYN M. FLAHERTY	HI
BETHANY G. FLAHERTY	HI
RALPH W. MILLER	HI
AREN J. THOMPSON	HI
KYLE S. JONES	ID
BENJAMIN W. CHADEZ	ID
JOHN J. DOHERTY	ID
AMBER R. DUNFORD	ID
ELIZABETH K. AGNE	IL
MICHAEL G. MCMURRAY	IL
BENJAMIN A. STOVER	IL
MARY L. CARROLL	IL
ANNA M. COX	IL
MICHAEL A. KELLY	IL
SEAN T. O'KEEFE	IL
TYLER N. TERHARK	IL
DUSTIN G. DUNIGAN	IL
JEREMIAH D. MILLER	IL
JAMES E. RICHMAN	IN
JONATHAN D. WALTERS	IN
LELAND T. ADCOCK	IN
RONI L. BALL	IN
ROBERT J. MASON	IN
KENYON S. FRYMAN	KS
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RYAN D. GRABOWSKI	MD
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NATHAN K. FELLOWS	ME
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MICHAEL J. MASIELLO	MI
SCOTT A. BECK	MI
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RYAN P. KENNY	MN
MICHAEL M. MEDVED	MN
JONATHAN A. BUSS	MN
BENJAMIN J. PIEHL	MN
JOSHUA D. MEEHL	MN
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JOHN M. MCCUTCHEN	MO
KAYLA B. MORTON	MO
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As the headline reads, we're conducting a specialized readership survey to determine how best to serve your information needs of the printed word and online news.

Specifically, we want to know what you think about how often CAP's official newspaper should be published and what format it should be published in.

As well, we want to know what you like and dislike most about the newspaper, and what changes you would like to see in the newspaper's content.

Lastly, we want to know what you think about our providing the membership a regular news service on the Internet.

After you complete the survey, please cut it out and send to:

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Maxwell AFB, AL 36112**

Also, if you would like to submit more detailed comments or suggestions, you may e-mail them to capnews@cap.gov or mail them to the address listed above.

Thanks in advance for taking the time to complete and mail in the survey.

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How often should CAP's newspaper be published? <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month <input type="checkbox"/> Every other month <input type="checkbox"/> Once a quarter		
CAP's news should be published in: <input type="checkbox"/> Newsprint format as it is now <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine format <input type="checkbox"/> Only Internet format <input type="checkbox"/> Combination of magazine and Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Combination of newsprint and Internet		
How often do you read CAP News? <input type="checkbox"/> Every issue <input type="checkbox"/> Most issues <input type="checkbox"/> Few issues <input type="checkbox"/> Never		
When I receive my copy of CAP News, the first thing I read is: <input type="checkbox"/> Coast to Coast <input type="checkbox"/> The main news story <input type="checkbox"/> The main feature story <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
In terms of the amount of photos and graphic illustrations, how would you rate CAP News? <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Below satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Poor		
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CAP News coverage is balanced		
CAP News articles are timely		
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It's important to include feature stories in CAP News		
CAP News includes right amount of feature stories		
CAP News should include more advertisements		
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CAP News should continue to run award recipients		
CAP News should continue to run "Final Salute"		
CAP News keeps me fully informed about CAP policies and decisions		
The classifieds section in CAP News is useful to me		
Overall, CAP News is a trustworthy information source		
Overall, the information in CAP News is accurate		
Non-CAP members of my family read CAP News		
I read all of each issue		
I read more than half of each issue		
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I read only the portions of the issue that relate to my wing		
I never read CAP News		
I enjoy reading "National Perspective" column		
I enjoy reading "Focus on Service" column		
I enjoy reading "Safety" column		
I enjoy reading "Fit to Serve" column		
I enjoy reading "Coast to Coast"		
I would like to see more feature stories		
I would like to see more in-depth news stories		
I would like more articles on technical subjects		
I would like to see CAP News in print and online		
I would rather read CAP News online than in print.		
I would agree to a quarterly print edition of CAP News if a daily news version were available online		
I would like to receive an e-mail edition of CAP News		

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RAYMOND LOPEZ	PR	COREY W. TUTTLE	TN
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CHRISTOPHER DIAZ	PR	CARISSA N. SHERRIT	TN
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LUIS A. DIAZ	PR	CURTIS C. MEDVE	TX
ERIK VELEZ	PR	BRENDA D. PRAVEL	TX
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JOSE A. RAFOLS	PR	DUSTIN J. MCCLUNG	UT
MIGUEL A. ROSA	PR	BRIAN S. REED	VA
YOENID RODRIGUEZ	PR	JASON BUI	VA
REYES R. LOPAZ	PR	CURTIS C. HARVIE	VT
BENI A. ROSADO	PR	BRANDON K. CARTER	WA
VICTOR I. VEGA	PR	MATT P. MASSOTH	WA
STEPHANIE TORRES	PR	JOSHUA B. NYE	WA
ANTHONY V. ZANNI	RI	BRITTANY E. CZARNECKI	WI
CARL P. HARTMAN	RI	MEGAN M. BOWMAN	WI
WALTER B. STUDLEY	RI	RANDY A. SMITH	WV
JENNIFER VELASQUEZ	RI	MICHAEL D. BAUMGARDNER	WV
RYAN C. HUTCHENS	SC	JUSTIN R. SHIRKEY	WV
TONIA L. FOSTER	SD	CLINTON D. BRDLIK	WV
GRIFFIN D. GARY	SD	JESSE A. FAUGSTAD	WY

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CHAP (COL) DAVID VAN HORN	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (LT COL) WILLIAM COCHRAN	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (LT COL) DAN GOOD	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (LT COL) JAMES HAMILTON	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (LT COL) CARL KERR	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (LT COL) DON MIKITTA	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (LT COL) ALBERT F. MOGINOT	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (LT COL) GARY RAE	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (LT COL) FRED R. SMELSER	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (MAJ) JOHN BARWICK	NCR	AUG 02
1ST LT TERRY DULL	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (MAJ) CHRISTI BATTLE	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (MAJ) JAMES HARDIN	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (MAJ) CHARLES LOUVAU	NCR	AUG 02
MAJ BARBARA VAN HORN	NCR	AUG 02
CHAP (MAJ) JAMES SICKMEYER	NCR	AUG 02
CAPT SHIRLEY RODRIGUEZ	NCR	AUG 02
CAPT DONALD L. STIER	NCR	AUG 02

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

CHAP (LT COL) RONALD TOTTINGHAM	NCR	AUG 02
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EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

CHAP (LT COL) DON MIKITTA	NCR	AUG 02
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RETIREMENTS

COL ROGER E. MCDONALD	CO	28 SEP 72 - 1 APR 03	31
COL CRAIG L. MICKELSON	OR	28 FEB 78 - 31 DEC 02	24
LT COL JAMES E. BRIGGS	CA	28 JUN 80 - 30 JUN 01	21
LT COL CHARLES W. BROWN	TN	28 MAR 77 - 31 DEC 02	25
LT COL WILLIAM T. BURTON	NE	28 APR 81 - 30 APR 03	22
LT COL CLAY DERRYBERRY	TN	28 FEB 73 - 28 FEB 03	30
LT COL HENRY G. HIGGINS JR	GA	28 MAR 75 - 31 MAR 03	28
LT COL ALDEN H. LANEY	UT	28 DEC 84 - 31 DEC 02	18
LT COL EUGENE L. NELSON	WI	28 JAN 78 - 31 JAN 03	25
LT COL GERALD K. PATTON JR	AR	28 FEB 82 - 19 FEB 03	21
LT COL LINDA L. SNYDER	UT	28 AUG 78 - 31 JAN 03	25
MAJ RUBEN E. ACOSTA	AZ	1 MAY 65 - 31 DEC 02	38
MAJ JOAN E. BLANKENBURN	CA	28 JAN 84 - 31 JAN 03	19
MAJ WILLIAM W. GRANNIS	GA	1 AUG 79 - 1 MAR 83	21
		1 MAR 85 - 31 DEC 02	
CAPT ISLA M. HURST	CO	28 DEC 67 - 31 JAN 03	36
1ST LT DAVID V. SADOWSKY	ND	28 FEB 82 - 25 NOV 02	20
SND LT RAY G. SPARKS	CA	28 OCT 73 - 28 FEB 02	29
SR MBR SANFORD A. ROSS	CA	28 MAY 72 - 1 MAY 03	31

Congratulations to all awardees & retirees

TOP-NOTCH GATHERING

The Spaatz Association meets in D.C. for first-ever winter symposium

Twenty-five recipients of the Civil Air Patrol Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award and 75 guests — including members of Spaatz's family and senior Air Force and CAP leaders — gathered on the evening of March 1 at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C., for the first-ever Winter Leadership Symposium of The Spaatz Association.

TSA is a national service organization whose membership consists of the 1,500 recipients of the Spaatz award since the award's inception in 1965. TSA exists as a separate and distinct corporation from CAP and seeks to mentor present-day CAP cadets through various programs, the most prominent of which is TSA's Aviation Leadership Scholarship grant program, which awards several \$2,500 scholarships each year to deserving cadets who have already soloed a powered aircraft and who desire to earn an Federal Aviation Administration private pilot certificate. (Interested CAP cadets may find additional information on the ALS grant program at the TSA Web site at www.spaatz.org.)

Air Force Col. Richard L. Anderson, former CAP national commander, current TSA national president and chief of the Air Force Auxiliary Division in the Headquarters U.S. Air Force Directorate of Homeland Security at the Pentagon, welcomed the guests to this inaugural event by recounting the contributions of Spaatz to the Air Force and CAP. After dinner, the centerpiece event of the gathering unfolded with the unveiling of TSA's Spaatz Commemorative Coin to memorialize the life, service and contributions of Spaatz.

In fitting manner, attendees dined in the same club facilities frequented by Spaatz and his wartime colleagues. During the course of the evening, Dr. Mervin K. Strickler, former director of Aerospace Education at CAP National Headquarters in the 1950s during Spaatz's tenure as CAP National Board chairman, recounted the general's pivotal role in ensuring the continuation of the World War II CAP as a peacetime auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force after



Members of The Spaatz Association gather for a group picture during their first-ever Winter Leadership Symposium.



From left, Air Force Lt. Gen. Donald A. Lamontagne, commander of the Air Force's Air University, Spaatz award recipients Cadet Col. Louis R. Gabriel and Capt. Andrew J. Welch, and CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling pose for a photo after the presentation ceremony.

cessation of hostilities.

Strickler was followed by Spaatz's youngest daughter, Carla Spaatz-Thomas, who regaled the group with humorous and serious anecdotes about the general and her childhood experiences as one of his three daughters. Spaatz-Thomas was accompanied to the dinner by her son, Carl A. Spaatz-

Thomas, who is the grandson of Spaatz.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Spaatz award to two recipients — Capt. (former cadet colonel) Andrew J. Welch of the Illinois Wing and Cadet Col. Louis R. Gabriel of the Hawaii Wing. The awards were jointly presented by Air Force Lt. Gen. Donald A. Lamontagne, commander of



Air Force Col. Richard L. Anderson, former CAP national commander and current national president of The Spaatz Association, displays a new TSA Commemorative Coin with Gen. Carl A. Spaatz's youngest daughter, Carla Spaatz-Thomas, as Spaatz's grandson, Carl A. Spaatz-Thomas looks on.

the Air Force's Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling and Spaatz-Thomas.

The evening's final event was the keynote address given by Air Force Brig. Gen. David E. Clary, Air Force director of Homeland Security and the Air Force's senior Pentagon official who oversees the policy, guidance and advocacy process for CAP at Air Force Headquarters.

'OUTSTANDING'

2003 NATIONAL CONGRESS ON AVIATION & SPACE EDUCATION

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The 2003 National Congress on Aviation & Space Education was held at the Cincinnati Hilton Netherlands Plaza in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 2-5.

The congress is the premier aerospace conference in the nation and brings together outstanding teachers, industry leaders, and aviation enthusiasts with everything centered on an aerospace education theme.

There were several highlights at this year's successful conference. Five new members were inducted into the National Congress Crown Circle for Aerospace Education Leadership. Established in 1979, the Crown Circle Award is considered to be one of the most prestigious honors bestowed worldwide in the field of aerospace education. Since its establishment, only 116 people have been so honored.

This year's inductees were: Ann Grimm, director of Education for Estes-Cox Corporation; Judith Wehn, chief of the Education Division for the U.S. Air Force Museum; Dale Eash, high school aircraft maintenance technology teacher; Alfred Hulstrunk, special projects coordinator for the Empire State Aerosciences Museum; and Kaye Ebelt, a Montana middle school teacher and this year's A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year.

Another highly successful event was Hangar Talk. Scott Crossfield, Erik Lindbergh, Gus McLeod and Eric Boe all participated in an informal exchange of aviation ideas and experiences. They openly shared opinions and concerns and told delightful aviation stories that warmed the audience. Several hundred of the congress attendees thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and wonderful camaraderie established by the speakers.

Another congress highlight was this year's break-out sessions conducted by leading experts

in aerospace. "Sixty-six different sessions were offered and the evaluations were outstanding," said Joan Emerson, chief of CAP's external aerospace program at CAP National Headquarters. "We strive for a wide variety of sessions so there will be something for everybody. This year's sessions were no exception."

According to Jim Mallett, director of CAP's Leadership Development and Membership Services Directorate, this year's congress was nothing short of outstanding. "The general assembly speakers were outstanding, and the numerous concurrent sessions were great, and, on top of that, our attendees received a myriad of information to take back to their students," said Mallett.

"I also want to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers from the Great Lakes Region and Ohio Wing for dedicating their time and energy to ensure a very successful conference for CAP. We greatly appreciated their efforts," said Mallett.

Next year's NCASE will be held in Atlanta March 24-27. The focus there on teaching today for tomorrow, with a strong career's theme. Members may obtain congress information by sending an e-mail to ncase@capnhq.gov or checking the CAP Web site at www.capnhq.gov/conference.

Presenter proposals for concurrent sessions are being accepted now — submission deadline is Nov. 15. Nominations for the Crown Circle for Aerospace Education Leadership must be postmarked by Jan. 1, and nominations for the A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year must be received at CAP National Headquarters by Feb. 1. Nomination forms for both awards can be downloaded from the NCASE pages on the CAP Web site.



From left, the 2003 National Congress Crown Circle for Aerospace Education Leadership inductees escort Dr. Ben Millsbaugh; Judith Wehn and escort retired Air Force Major General the A. Scott Crossfield Teacher of the Year, Kaye Ebelt and Scott Crossfield.



From left, Tim Huddleston talks with Hangar Talk participants A. Scott Crossfield, aviation adventurer Gus McLeod, and astronaut and former G.



Space Education Leadership inductees and their escorts (standing behind them) were: Ann Grimm and Force Maj. Gen. Charles D. Metcalf; Dale Eash and Mary Feik, Alfred Hulstrunk and Dr. Ann Walko, and Scott Crossfield.



Frank G. Brewer Jr. addresses the Brewer Luncheon attendees.



This year's NCASE attracted more than 25 exhibitors in the NCASE Exhibit Hall.



A. Scott Crossfield, aviation pioneer, Erik Lindbergh, grandson of Charles Lindbergh, Georgia Wing cadet Eric Boe.



Orville and Wilbur Wright, and a full-scale version of the Wright Flyer were also on hand at this year's NCASE.



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0800-1000
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1030-1700
First-Time attendee reception
1800-1900

Wednesday, 27 August

CAP Recognition Ceremony
0800-1000
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MASSACHUSETTS —
Cadets and seniors from Hanscom Composite Squadron recently spent a weekend at Battleship Cove in Fall River, Mass.

"I found the tour inspirational, and I discovered a renewed respect for the sailors of World War II and their endeavors," said Cadet 1st Sgt. Peter White.

The Saturday afternoon of their arrival, the members toured the USS Massachusetts, a World War II battleship, the USS Kennedy, a destroyer, the USS Lionfish, a World War II submarine, and even a Russian missile frigate. A Navy veteran at the Lionfish was especially helpful in illustrating everyday life on these ships.

As the tour began, cadets were exposed to naval traditions such as saluting the colors before boarding and departing ships. They also a chance to sound the submarine's dive horn, participate in an onboard fire drill and learn about Morse Code. Other cadets operated the decommissioned guns on the wooden deck and viewed two PT (patrol torpedo) boats and several Japanese suicide submarines at a nearby museum.

All of the cadets spent the night on the USS Kennedy. Navy veterans on board explained the history of the ship and its ongoing restoration process. A turkey dinner was served, and then the cadets went midship for lights out, where they discovered a true appreciation for World War II veterans as they attempted to sleep through the ship's loud noises and the fact that the heat was turned off during the night. The following Sunday morning, cadets awoke

NEW PA CADET OFFICER



1st Lt. Greg Bollinger "pins" a second lieutenant bar on the collar of Cadet Abigail Bollinger, his daughter, during a unit promotion ceremony. Both are members of Pennsylvania Wing's York Composite Squadron. In addition to being promoted, Abigail was presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award moments earlier by Air Force Reserve Maj. Neal Schier.

early to reveille and went out to the helipad for opening formation and the plan of the day.

"I'm glad everyone got to see the sacrifices the fighting men made for us in World War II," said Cadet Capt. David Druga. Before leaving on Sunday afternoon, cadets browsed through the gift shop on board for souvenirs of their experience.

Cadet Airman Annie Park

NEW HAMPSHIRE —
Cadet 1st Lt. Benjamin Jarrell of the Monadnock Composite Squadron was awarded the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award during an open house of the Keene Dillant-Hopkins Airport.

Presenting the award to Jarrell was his grandfather and

local aviation notable, Ellis Barrett. Barrett, a native of Keene, N.H., was a flight instructor in the U.S. Navy and a private pilot for many years after. He also built and flew an aerobatic plane in the late 1970s. Barrett has been a fundamental influence on Jarrell's love of aviation.

Jarrell has been a member since September 2000. He has also graduated from Hawk Mountain Ranger School and is a qualified search and rescue team member.

Sr. Mbr. Sherry Aldrich

NEW JERSEY — At a Raritan Valley Composite Squadron meeting, Capt. William G. Carey was presented with a Commander's Commem-

dation by Group 223 Commander Lt. Col. Thomas Bubb for his efforts to keep the Central Jersey Regional Airport of Hillsborough from being sold to developers.

Owners of the airport informed its customers that, due to financial difficulties, the airport would soon be closed. The airport serves as the headquarters for the Raritan Valley squadron and as a mission base for search and rescue, disaster relief missions and homeland security operations.

Because of Carey's committee efforts, 170 members and friends attended the public hearing conducted by New Jersey's Department of Transportation. This exceptional turnout led the state of New Jersey to agree to buy the development rights for the airport property. Carey has been a CAP member for six years and serves as the squadron's senior commander.

Lt. Col. Constance O'Grady

NEW YORK — The Floyd Bennett Composite Squadron, chartered nearly five years ago, officially welcomed its first cadets.

The cadets, Airmen Basics Annis Blades, Vanessa Henry, Christopher Persuad, Sharell Smiley and Darius Stoney, all attend seventh grade at Benjamin Cardozo Middle School in Arverne, Queens, N.Y.

For the past several months, the squadron has been working closely with the school district's former superintendent, Matthew Bromme, and Beth Longo, the school's principal, in developing a cadet program at the school. The district and squadron selected Cardozo for a pilot program, the first of its kind attempted in New York City.

According to 2nd Lt. Diane Hatry, Floyd Bennett squadron's deputy commander for cadets, the cadets show great potential, enthusiasm and leadership qualities. Hatry is also an assistant principal at Grissom Middle School in Ozone Park, Queens. Likewise, fellow educators from her school, senior members Francine Davis, Dianne Jones, Maria Law, and 2nd Lt. Matthew Robinson, assisted Hatry in her efforts. Robinson served in the U.S. Army, and has a wealth of

\$250 AFA EDUCATOR GRANT

Left, New Hampshire Air Force Association President Eric Taylor presents a \$250 Aerospace Education Foundation Educator Grant for model rocketry to Capt. Susan Zoller, as AFA's Jim Thyng looks on. Zoller is the Concord Composite Squadron's aerospace education officer and a teacher at Trinity Christian School in Concord, N.H.

military protocol and drill-instruction knowledge.

In the past, cadet squadrons often began at the high school level, but in an effort to reach out to youth at an earlier stage, and with the hopes that the final applicants will maintain membership through high school, middle schools are being selected.

1st Lt. Barry A. Schwartz

PENNSYLVANIA — Cadets and senior members of the Jimmy Stewart Composite Squadron toured the emergency services unit of one of the largest and busiest international airports in the nation.

Police Officer Gary Mocik, of the Port Authority Police of New York and New Jersey, conducted the tour of the Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, N.J., which opened in 1928.

The tour lasted several hours, and members learned about the rescue and firefighting role of the unit, as well as how the equipment is used during emergency operations. Each member was also given an opportunity to operate the water turret on one of the firefighting vehicles.

According to 2nd Lt. Jack Giordano, squadron public affairs officer, it is important for CAP members to understand the operations of their local emer-

gency service agencies, and for those agencies to know about CAP and its capabilities.

"Visits like this also provide a unique opportunity to develop beneficial relationships," said Giordano.

The tour ended with a visit to the airport's original control tower and a look into the hotel room, currently being restored, where Amelia Earhart slept during her many journeys through the New York metropolitan area. Before departing the facility, Lt. Col. John R.D. Eleazer, squadron commander, presented a certificate of appreciation to the Port Authority Police for their hospitality.

2nd Lt. Jack Giordano

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DELAWARE — Forty-nine Delaware Wing members

gathered at the Sussex County Airport for their annual prayer breakfast, and to hone their search and rescue skills using aircraft, ground teams, and electronic direction-finding equipment.

Gary Cook, head of the state of Delaware's Critical Incident Stress Management Team, was the featured speaker at the breakfast. He discussed CISM topics, ranging from police

officers detecting stress in a voice that is normally calm and collected to emergency medical service personnel breaking down during an accident call. He also related his personal experiences as a CISM member assisting the emergency workers in New York City after the World Trade Center attack.

Later, ground team members practiced locating an emergency locator transmitter. To add a touch of realism, the ELT was hidden near a previous mission tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

In addition to ground search training, the practice mission used the wing's mobile command center to instruct members in the field and air.

One aircraft was used in the exercise mission, with different three-person crews rotating for practice. Sr. Mbr. Pat Lopez served as an aircrew scanner in the back of the aircraft. Next time, she says, she wants the front-seat position as observer — the member in charge of the aircrew's search operations.

Sr. Mbr. Jerry Horn

NORTH CAROLINA — The state's North Carolina Group Five Color Guard gave an outstanding performance at the wing's cadet color guard competition.

Placing first in five of the six events, and placing first overall, the cadets will represent their wing at the Middle East Region Cadet competition at Fort Pickett, Va.

The Group Five team members were:

► Franklin County Compos-

ite Squadron — Master Sgts. Russell Creech and Cory Thornton, and Tech. Sgts. Kathryn Chalmers and Amelia Harkness; and

► Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron — Staff Sgt. Derek Herchko, color guard commander.

The Group Five team escorts were: 1st Lt. Erik Forsgren and Capt. Robin McCall, of the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron.

Thornton won the male fleet foot award for running the mile in 6 minutes, 55 seconds.

The support team members, who organized and ran various practices for the team, were 2nd Lt. Shelley Chalmers, of the Franklin County squadron, and Cadets 2nd Lt. Josh Higgins and Master Sgt. Paul Vicente, of the Raleigh-Wake squadron.

2nd Lt. Conrad F. D'Cruz

VIRGINIA — The Holston Valley Composite Squadron was recently named the Virginia Wing Color Guard after a wingwide competition in Richmond, Va.

The title allows the squadron to represent the wing at the Middle East Region Cadet Competition.

Forty squadrons competed in presentation of the colors, physical fitness and uniform inspections. The Holston squadron collectively scored the highest points in all categories.

Cadet members of the new Virginia Wing Color Guard are Master Sgt. Charles Marsh, Senior Airmen William Garrison and Jonah Buckles, Airman 1st Class John Witcher, and Airman Christopher Dea.



Members of the North Carolina Wing Group Five Color Guard pose for a group picture after winning the wing's cadet color guard competition.

Squadron escorts were: Senior members Maj. Charles Tyhurst and 2nd Lt. Banks Garrison, Tech. Flight Officer Justin Adkinson; and cadets 2nd Lt. Christopher Tobin and Chief Master Sgt. Justin Yurong.

Tech. Flight Officer Justin Adkinson

GREAT LAKES REGION

COMMANDER
COL. WILLIAM W. WEBB

ILLINOIS ★ INDIANA
KENTUCKY ★ MICHIGAN
OHIO ★ WISCONSIN

ILLINOIS — During a recent search and rescue and disaster relief exercise, members of the Illinois wing carried out an actual electronic locator transmitter search.

The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., contacted Group 9 headquarters for the search after picking up an ELT signal.

Lt. Col. Tom O'Shea, incident commander, dispatched a ground team of cadets and seniors to locate the errant ELT. According to AFRCC officials, there were no reports of missing or overdue aircraft.

Participating members included:

- Seniors: Lt. Col. Tom O'Shea; Maj. Jason Terrell and Rick Oeth; Capt. Chris Guzman, Carl Hendricksen and Nancy Kelley; 2nd. Lts. Keith Mavis and Les Troyer; 1st. Lt. Stacy Kelley; Sr. Mbr. Lori DeVore; and Maj. Jack Williams, Air Force Reserve Assistance Program Officer;

- Cadets: Airman 1st Class Brian Sawicki and Airman Seth DeVore.

Because bad weather did not permit flying, the team relied on hand-held direction finding equipment. They located the ELT in a Beechcraft Baron at the Marshall County Airport after using well-practiced direction-finding techniques.

According to Col. Joseph King, Illinois Wing public affairs officer, the cadets — like their unofficial motto, "Always flexible" — resumed training after shutting off the ELT.

Col. Joseph S. King

MICHIGAN — CAP mem-

bers from various Michigan Wing squadrons experienced an air refueling operation, thanks to the 927th Air Refueling Wing based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.

"The opportunity to witness an air refueling at 27,000 feet with the receiver aircraft only feet from the rear of your aircraft was unforgettable," said Capt. Pamela Paulin, commander of Michigan Wing's Van Dyke Cadet Squadron.

Paulin, who coordinated and served as project officer for the activity, credits Lt. Col. Michael Cole, chief of plans for the 927th ARW, as being "instrumental" in maintaining relations between CAP and the Air Force Reserves.

The refueling flight lasted 3½ hours aboard two KC-135s. The flight crews of both aircraft ensured CAP participants' awareness of operational capabilities and duties.

Participants were:

- Phoenix Cadet Squadron — Cadets Cody Bailly and Anthony Watt;

- South Oakland Cadet Squadron — Cadets Laura Genetti and Taquita Peters;

- Detroit 100th Composite Squadron — Capt. Cliff Miller, 1st Lt. Herbert Aukette, and cadets Bryan Boykin, Donald Moore, Jennifer Salis, Reggie Jones, Andrew Jones, Anthony Smith and Syed Kutubuddin;

- Van Dyke Cadet Squadron — Capt. Pamela Paulin, 1st Lt. David D'Arcy, 2nd Lt. Donald Paulin, Sr. Mbrs. Duncan Harper and William Welsing, and Cadets Christopher Paulin, John Padavan, Justin Frost, Stephan Caron, Duncan Harper, Zachary Welsing and Joseph Caron;

- Traverse City Composite Squadron — Cadet Casey Gardiner;

- Selfridge Cadet Squadron — Cadet Jonathan Pidek;

- Muskegon Cadet Squadron — Sr. Mbr. Gregory Lunt and Cadet Micah Lunt;

- Willow Run Composite Squadron — Sr. Mbr. David Forsman and Cadet Nick Forsman;

- Bay De Noc Composite Squadron — Maj. Donald Poe, Capt. Steve Fritz, and cadets David Spilling and Brandon Stonehouse;

- Oakland Composite Squadron — Sr. Mbr. Geoffrey Applegate, and cadets Andrew Linn and Alex Applegate;

- Lapeer Composite Squadron — Capt. Anthony Stitt, Sr. Mbr. Dennis Liagre, and cadets Eric Liagre and Neil Liagre; and

- Michigan Wing — Capt. James Siciliano.

Capt. James Siciliano

ARTISTIC WISCONSIN PRIZEWINNER



Photo by Travis Froehlich

From left, La Crosse Composite Squadron Commander Maj. Frank J. Roldan presents artist Eric Bowen with a certificate of appreciation, as squadron member Capt. Michael A. Kouba looks on. Bowen, a graphic arts student at Western Wisconsin Technical College, received the certificate for submitting the winning squadron patch design in a contest that drew more than 20 entries.

KENTUCKY — For the third consecutive year, members of the KYANG, Golden Armor and Falcon Composite squadrons trained together in Otter Creek Park, Ky.

The cold-weather operations training also included an electronic locator transmitter signal mission conducted by a team of cadets.

Participants practiced campsite preparations, line-search techniques, crash-site procedures, missing-person procedures, safety considerations, legal obligations and direction-finding unit set up, care and use.

During the training mission, Kentucky Wing Vice Commander, incident commander, Lt. Col. Tom Schmidt, contacted Capt. Joe Johnson of the Golden Armor squadron to respond to an ELT signal in Grayson County, Ky.

The team was formed of cadets and seniors from three composite squadrons:

- Golden Armor — Johnson, and 1st Lt. David Cannon, and cadets Senior Airman Matt Henry and Airmen 1st Class Stephen Sturgeon and Jonathon Leroux;

- KYANG — Tech. Sgt. James Krystaponis, Airman 1st Class Bryan Burgess and Airman Michael Stinnett; and

- Falcon — Maj. Darrel Williamson, and cadets Master Sgt. Stephen Wright, and Airmen Larry Brown and

Stephen Spencer.

After the ground team departed, training continued with emergency shelter building and teamwork-building exercises, led by Capt. Chris Crace of the Falcon squadron and John Layport of the KYANG squadron.

Once the team returned, a practical-skills examination ended in a missing-person search.

Other members who participated were:

- KYANG — Cadet Basics Matt Pasley, Adam Wallis, Ryan Reynolds, Rob Saluteous, Derek Saluteous and Zach Belew;

- Falcon — Cadet Airmen 1st Class Kori Haley and Kegan Hennessey; and

- Golden Armor — Cadet Basic Alex Furnival.

Maj. Darrel D. Williamson

INDIANA — The Indiana Wing held its biennial conference and awards banquet in Greenwood, Ind.

Seminars included emergency services, cadet programs, aerospace education, logistics, communications, public affairs and leadership.

Due to a snowstorm, the evening banquet and awards ceremony changed location and the guest speaker was cancelled; however, with the help of others, Plans and Programs Officer Capt. Kris Copes improvised and set up a dining out.

Lt. Col. Mark Ashcraft, chief

of staff, prepared a memorable tribute to the STS-107 Columbia crew. Remarks were made by Col. William Charles, former Great Lakes Region commander, and Lt. Col. Carl Harris, Great Lakes Liaison Region commander.

Individual awards included:

- Exceptional service — Maj. Darrel Williamson and Capt. Jeremy Reynolds;

- Meritorious Service — Maj. John Bryan and Mark Webb;

- Gen. Carl A. Spaatz — Cadet Col. David Bass, presented by Indiana Wing Commander Col. Charles Greenwood and Indiana Wing Cadet Programs Officer Maj. Darrel Williamson;

- Senior Member of the Year — Maj. Darrel Williamson;

- Cadet of the Year — Lt. Col. John Minear;

- Communicator of the Year — 1st Lt. Paul Dobosz;

- Safety Officer of the Year — Capt. Karen Weinkle;

- Public Affairs Officer — 1st Lt. Ken Reynolds;

- Chaplain of the Year — Lt. Col. Mark Lacey; and

- Brewer Aerospace — 1st Lt. Robert Alexander.

Squadron awards included: Composite Squadron of the Year — Falcon Composite; Senior Squadron of the Year — Evansville Senior Squadron; and Cadet Squadron of the Year — Columbus Cadet Squadron.

Capt. Jeremy Reynolds

KENTUCKY — Members of

the KYANG Composite Squadron were recognized at the Lincoln Heritage Council Explorer Program Quest District's 2002 Awards Luncheon for outstanding performance.

1st Lt. Jeffery Goldberg, 123rd KYANG Composite Squadron deputy commander of cadets, served as the master of ceremonies for the event, held at the Louisville Police Department's 3rd District Headquarters.

During the luncheon, Louisville Fire Chief Greg Fredrick congratulated all of the cadet and senior members.

Cadet Airman 1st Class Bryan Burgess received a certificate of excellence for his outstanding professionalism and dedication to the KYANG squadron. In the short period of time he has been a member, the 123rd Airlift Wing Security Forces has specifically requested him to clear wing members onto the base for weekly squadron meetings.

Cadet Tech. Sgt. James Krystaponis was awarded the Exploring Leadership Award for his performance as the KYANG cadet commander. In his tenure as commander, his leadership helped develop the squadron into a thriving unit when it was in danger of deactivation.

Maj. Darrel D. Williamson was awarded the Quest District Presidents' Award for his work with two CAP squadron/Explorer posts - the Falcon Composite Squadron in Indiana and KYANG Composite Squadron in Kentucky. He volunteered a lot of time with the KYANG squadron to train the unit's cadets and help them remain active, even when he was a member of the Indiana Wing and Falcon squadron. Later, he transferred to the Kentucky Wing to briefly take command of the squadron and set it back on its way to excellence.

1st Lt. Jeffery Goldberg was presented with the Quest District's Award of Merit for his many years of dedicated service to the traditional Boy Scout program and now in the Explorer program with the KYANG Squadron. He has given hundreds of hours to the Explorer and BSA programs to further youth of all ages and their adult leadership within the Lincoln Heritage Council.

The KYANG squadron has been an Explorer post for three years and has come a long way in developing it in a short period of time. The strong showing at this year's awards luncheon will mark a new chapter in the development of the KYANG squadron's future.

Maj. Darrel D. Williamson
MICHIGAN – More than 70 members participated in Michigan Wing's cadet competition.

In addition to the traditional drill team and color guard competition, other exhibition events were added this year to allow more units to compete, including a "Project X" teamwork challenge, land navigation competition and a direction-finding contest. These events were so successful, the wing cadet programs staff is considering expanding them to create a separate competition in the fall.

The West Michigan team, commanded by Cadet 2nd Lt. Jimmy Grohoski, won the drill team competition. Senior member team leaders were Maj. Ken Andrus and 1st Lts. John Carruthers and Cathy Growe. Cadets were: 2nd Lts. Matt Fayette, Jimmy Grohoski, Hollie Growe and Alex Oltoff; Tech. Sgts. Justin Buda, Janell Carruthers, Evan Johnson, Jerry O'Brien and John Prince; Staff Sgts. Bill Grohoski, Josh Herrick, Kris Rose and Jon Trojan; Airmen 1st Class Casey Growe, Matt Porter, Daniel Sanders, Luke Schuitema and Corinne Simmons; Airman Cody Inman; and Airman Basic Anthony Inman.

The Oakland Composite Squadron, commanded by Cadet Master Sgt. Jeff Schultz, successfully defended their title in the color guard competition. The senior member team leaders were 1st Lt. Ann Franz and retired Air Force Master Sgt. Frank Gregory. The cadets were Master Sgts. Katie Broyles and Jef Schultz; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Frantz and Andrew Linn; and Airman 1st Class Geoffrey Gloceri.

Both winning drill and color guard teams will compete at regional level.

Schultz also earned the Core Values Award for the professionalism he and his team demonstrated throughout the competition. Fleet foot awards went to cadets Master Sgt. Aaron Valenti and Airman 1st Class Corinne Simmons.

Capt. Matthew Heusser

INDIANA – The Indiana Wing's Falcon Composite Squadron held its 7th annual

awards banquet at the Louisville Zoo in Louisville, Ky.

In the presence of 70 attendees, both members and community guests were presented awards.

Squadron Commander 1st Lt. Chris Crace presented the unit awards. They included:

•Attendance: Capt. Karen Weinkle and Cadet Airman Larry Brown;

•Appearance - Cadets Airman Kegan Hennessey and 1st Lt. Walter Burton;

•Aim High Attitude - Capt. Ken Howe and Cadet Airman Rachel Thomas;

•Horizon - Cadet Airman Basic Jacob Schiller;

•Senior Program and Development - Capt. Karen Weinkle;

•Emergency Service - 1st Lt. Chris Crace and Cadet Tech. Sgt. Stephen Wright; and

•Aerospace Education - Cadet Airman 1st Class Adam Boone.

The Air Force Sergeant's Association Outstanding Cadet NCO was presented by Master Sgt. Jack Giralico to Cadet Tech. Sgt. Stephen Wright, for

The Talon Award – presented to members of the community for their support and dedication to the squadron – was awarded to Daniel and Myra Meyers, owners of Metal Dynamics Ltd., a local metals distributor. Their support of the unit's color guard allowed the team the opportunity to compete at the wing, region, and national levels. Cadets Chief Master Sgt. Justin Wirth, color guard commander, Wright and 1st Lt. Christopher Crace presented the certificate and squadron patches.

Keynote speaker Capt. Dave Hodge, aerospace education officer, reviewed the events of the previous year, including the receipt of the Unit Citation Award and the color guard's participation at national competition.

Finally, the now-legendary "Falcon Follies" awards were presented in good fun to members for their not-so-forgettable actions.

Maj. Darrel D. Williamson

MICHIGAN – U.S. Coast Guard search and rescue

over the taxiway, lowering and raising from the craft, and keeping searchlights targeted while maneuvering. As a final demonstration, the pilot left while flying at head-height, making exact 90-degree turns along a line of perimeter taxiway lights.

Coast Guardsman Chris Williams, an aviation maintenance technician, served as lecturer and guide. In addition to a hands-on inspection of a helicopter in the hangar, Williams showed the cadets recent video camera footage taken from a Selfridge-based helicopter rescue mission in Lake Erie.

1st Lt. Tim Moran

OHIO – Xenia Cadet Squadron cadets attended an awards ceremony at the Greene County Airport in Xenia, Ohio.

Seven cadets from the squadron received awards for outstanding performance:

•Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award - Lt. Col. Dana Kilner;

•Amelia Earhart Award - Capt. Joe Hendrix and Capt. Peter Corcoran;

•Gen. Billy Mitchell Award - 2nd Lt. Jordon Flexman;

•Wright Brothers Award - Senior Airman Kristin Schmidt;

•Veteran of Foreign Wars Cadet Officer Award - Capt. Glenn Conley; and

•Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award - Chief Master Sgt. Ryah Browne.

Lt. Col. Dennis Carter

ILLINOIS —

During the first two weekends in April, 160 members of the Illinois, Indiana and Ohio wings converged at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes for the 12th annual Spring Encampment.

During the basic encampment, the cadets resided in the Recruit Training Center, where the

Navy performs its basic training.

While attending the encampment, cadets learned how to correctly present uniforms, drills and living quarters. They also participated in such activities as the Navy Confidence Course and toured one of the combat swimming pools, where Navy sailors practice



Members of Michigan Wing's Selfridge Cadet Squadron listen as Coast Guardsman Chris Williams explains the abilities of U.S. Coast Guard rescue helicopters during a tour of the USCG's Air Station Detroit at Selfridge Air Guard Base, Mich.

his work as the squadron's past color guard commander and dedicated service to the unit. Tech. Sgt. Ed Hurst presented the Air Force Association Outstanding Cadet Award to Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Justin Wirth for his leadership, emergency service participation and positive attitude.

helicopter crew members demonstrated precision flying and rescue techniques to 39 cadets and eight senior members of the Selfridge Cadet Squadron.

As part of the visit, a USCG helicopter returning from a practice mission gave a private air show for the cadets, hovering

aquatic survival and scuba skills. They also sat in on lectures by military personnel about Navy and Air Force life.

Family members were invited to the cadets' graduation and awards ceremony. Illinois Wing Commander Col. Jay Burrell was the guest of honor and presented the following awards:

- Honor Cadets selected from each flight - Brandon Lynam, Michael Marshall, Brian Rothblum, Craig Schiesser, Richard Gay, Anthony Carellas and Jonathan Eisele;

- Honor Cadet for the overall encampment - Jennifer Corso;

- Honor Cadet noncommissioned officer - Diego Freire;

- Honor Cadet officer - 2nd Lt. Nathan Varnagatas; and

- Honor Senior member - 2nd Lt. Paul Hanna.

Non-encampment awards were also presented. They included:

- Sergeant's Association Award - Cadet 1st Lt. Michael Marzano, for his service as Cadet NCO of the year 2002 for Lake In The Hills Composite Squadron; and

- Gen. Billy Mitchell Award - Cadets 2nd Lts. Ovidiu Rusz and Trevor Dittmer.

Also, senior members, 1st Lt. Bob Williams and 2nd Lt. Paul Hanna received commander's commendations for their work as staff members of Illinois Wing's Group.

The encampment staff included Capt. Nicole Gaertner, commander of the encampment, Capt. Jacqueline Miller, deputy commander, 1st Lt. Tom Cardwell, commandant of cadets, and 1st Lt. Bob Williams, executive officer.

1st Lt. Paul Hanna

SOUTH-EAST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. ANTONIO J. PINEDA

ALABAMA ★ FLORIDA ★
GEORGIA ★ MISSISSIPPI ★
PUERTO RICO ★ TENNESSEE

FLORIDA — The members of the Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron hosted Col. Phillip Hyre, commandant of the recently organized Cayman Islands Cadet Corps.

Squadron commander Capt. Daniele Metellus invited Hyre to



Group 7 cadets Flight Officer Carlos Arroyo, left, and Senior Master Sgt. Jenssy Parra pose for a photo in front of an F-16 Fighting Falcon during a visit to the 482nd Fighter Wing at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. The daylong tour was part of a winter encampment sponsored by Florida Wing's Group 6 and Group 7.

attend and observe a regular meeting of an established cadet squadron.

During the meeting, Hyre participated in the inspection and evaluation of cadets, opening and closing formations, and the general meeting. He was also given an overview of squadron operations and a familiarization tour of the facilities.

Hyre commended the cadets on their level of discipline and conduct. He also suggested that Miami Springs squadron and Cayman Islands Cadet Corps pursue joint activities in the future, such as cadet exchanges and drill and athletic competitions.

Following the meeting, Hyre thanked Metellus and his staff, and Maj. Trevor H. Stewart, for arranging the visit. He said the exchange had already benefited both the Miami Springs squadron and Cayman Islands Cadet Corps.

Since returning to the islands, Hyre has invited the Miami Springs squadron to send a drill team to participate as special guests of the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps in the Queen's birthday celebrations, scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2003 in George Town, Grand Cayman.

Maj. Trevor H. Stewart

FLORIDA — The Northside

Christian School Cadet Squadron held a flag disposal ceremony during their Monday night meeting.

Following the presentation of the colors at the year's final home baseball game, the color guard joined the rest of the cadets, senior members and spectators for the disposal of 11 tattered and faded American flags. 1st Lt. Crist Fellman, unit safety officer, closely monitored the ceremony.

Squadron families, teachers and neighbors donated the flags for the ceremony, all of which had served in proper public display. This is the second such disposal ceremony the unit has performed, and squadron officials say they expect it to become an annual event.

1st Lt. Raya Vezina

FLORIDA — Group 2 Commander Maj. Jean duBois welcomed a large crowd of prospective cadets and their families at the first New Cadet Welcome Night sponsored by the Saint Augustine Senior Squadron.

The event capped off a six-month recruitment drive, in which 1st Lt. Russell Miller, squadron commander, and 1st Lt. Vince Uryc, squadron deputy commander, committed to improving the squadron by including a cadet program, and possibly changing the unit to a

composite squadron.

Because high school recruiting had limited results in the fall, the squadron redirected its focus toward the middle schools after the first of the year. Information packets were sent home with interested students to review with their parents.

Initial presentations to only two middle schools provided a tremendous response of 36 signed applications. The positive response motivated the group to hold the welcome night, during which 28 cadets completed their registration. Since then, one new cadet has been added each week, and the squadron has applied for status as a composite.

2nd Lt. Rob Parnell

FLORIDA — More than 100 cadets participated in a winter encampment sponsored by Groups 6 and 7.

The encampment ended with a graduation ceremony, where the cadets received their hard-earned encampment certificate and ribbon.

Many familiar Group 7 faces from the staff ranks were present: Capt. Emily Mathews, commandant of cadets; Cadet Lt. Col. Joshua Nemser, cadet commander; Cadet Maj. Alvaro Bernal, operations officer; 1st Lt. Linus Gomez and Flight Officer Miguel Arroyo, tactical officers; Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Jenssy Parra, Alpha Flight commander;

Cadets Tech. Sgts. Antonio Torres and Yuri Litvinov, flight sergeants; Cadets Airman Nathan Capello and Tech. Sgt. Hernando Bernal, public affairs officers.

The cadets spent a day visiting Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., where they had a chance to see the F-16 Fighting falcons and aircraft maintainers on the move, and tour U.S. Customs and base fire department facilities. They also received a warm welcome by 482nd Fighter Wing member Air Force Col. Rex Meyer, who gave a detailed explanation of the mission and purpose of the fighter wing.

Cadet Lt. Col. Joshua Nemser, cadet commander, delivered the farewell speech to the graduating cadets, and praised the staff for a successful encampment.

1st Lt. Linus Gomez

FLORIDA — Members of the Miami Beach Cadet and Homestead Air Reserve Composite squadrons attended the Titusville County Air Show and visited the Kennedy Space Center Complex.

The annual air show draws more than 12 performers and more than 30 different aircraft from America's aviation history.

The air show was held on the grounds of the Titusville County airfield, which used to be a training field for early World

War II airmen.

The show included static displays of an A-10 Thunderbolt II, a B-25 Mitchell, UH-1 Iroquois "Huey," an AH-1 Cobra, a F-14 Tomcat, F/A-18 Hornet, T-34, and UH-60 BlackHawk helicopter.

The cadets got to meet an A-10 pilot, a former CAP cadet, who talked with them and gave them a brief description of his career in the Air Force.

After the show was cancelled due to bad weather, the members visited the Kennedy Space Center. While there, they attended a U.S. flag-lowering ceremony at the Astronaut Memorial and toured



Florida Wing cadets Airmen Guillermo Mayorga and Christopher Madden help each other in preparation for a uniform inspection during the Group 6 and Group 7 winter encampment they attended.



Members of Florida Wing's Miami Beach Cadet and Homestead Air Reserve Composite squadrons pose in front of an A-10 Thunderbolt II at the Titusville County (Fla.) "warbirds" air show.

various exhibits, including a life-sized space shuttle model.

1st Lt. Linus Gomez

FLORIDA — Big Cypress National Preserve in the Florida Everglades was the site of a field-training exercise for 12 cadets and four senior members of the Weston Cadet Squadron.

The weekend training included team building, emergency services, survival and locating an emergency locator transmitter using direction-finding techniques.

The campsite lay about 30 miles west of Fort Lauderdale. The members carried their own gear and supplies, and marched on a dirt road for one mile. For some of these young cadets, it was their first time camping or being away from home.

There were no comforts of home at this site. The members prepared camp, and even dug their own latrines. They also prepared their own food and bathed in a spring-fed pond, which was free of alligators and snakes. The team learned much about the Everglades and spotting such wildlife as alligators, snakes, wild boar, possums, raccoons, birds and deer.

When Sunday arrived, the tired cadets marched out — no longer individuals, but a team.

Maj. Diane Reid

GEORGIA — Members of the Columbus Composite participated in the annual Thunder in the Valley Air Show at the Columbus Metropolitan Airport.

This is was the third year that Airport Public Safety requested the seniors and cadets to assist with flight line security.

Their primary function was

to keep the spectators from wandering onto the flight ramps during the show. They also provided the necessary muscle power required to push some of the planes from their static display positions on the flight line to the flight ramps.

The unit was well represented at the air show. The members set up an exhibit displaying a Cessna 172, and handed out recruiting materials to potential seniors and cadets.

The exhibit was placed next to the Knology-sponsored exhibit honoring the Tuskegee Airmen, where three Tuskegee Airmen from the Atlanta chapter were in attendance. Squadron members were able to meet and have their photo taken with Hiram E. Little and Wilbur Mason in front of a P-51 Mustang, flown by the airmen during World War II.

Members of the squadron also got to ride in a UH-1 Iroquois "Huey" helicopter from the Vietnam era. For many, it was their first time in a "chopper." The ride was provided by one of the participants of the air show, in appreciation for the squadron members' assistance.

The squadron also received a letter of appreciation from the Columbus Police Department, which was on hand to direct traffic at the air show. The squadron allowed the police to use its squadron headquarters as a base of operations. This provided the officers a place to take a break, get out of the hot sun and write reports.

2nd Lt. John J. Brooks

PUERTO RICO — Two wing pilots participated in an Aviation Safety Education seminar at Rafael Hernández Airport in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

Capt. Rafael Guidin and 1st

Lt. Carmelo Vega participated in the safety event and conducted recruiting efforts. Topics of discussion included flight standards, air traffic control, automated flight service stations, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Customs operations, weather issues, and the value of flight planning.

Maj. Juan Méndez

PUERTO RICO — The Puerto Rico Unit Color Guard Competition took place at the facilities of the Dr. Cesareo Rosa Nieves Squadron.

The competition's judges were composed of Puerto Rico National Guard Officials, and more than 150 people were in attendance, including competitors and their families.

The squadron participants were with the Guaynabo, Muñiz ANG Base and San Sebastian cadet squadrons.

The Guaynabo Cadet Squadron won the competition. Their commander is Capt. Iván G. Reyes.

Maj. Juan Méndez

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

COMMANDER
COL. REX E. GLASGOW

IOWA ★ KANSAS
MINNESOTA ★ MISSOURI
NEBRASKA ★ NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA

IOWA — Seven members of the Washington-Brinton Cadet

Squadron helped map trails and trail features for five county parks.

Under the supervision of several county and state officials, Lt. Col. Doug Tindal, Maj. Barb Edmondson, Sr. Mbr. Diana Andrews, and cadets Lizz Neil, Casey Huggins, Steve Treanor and Bryce Nielsen volunteered about seven hours for the project.

The members helped map Schmitter Heritage Area, Sockum Ridge, Brinton Timber, Hayes Timber and Clemmons Creek. It was done in early spring because the trails were clear of snow and tree foliage was minimal — not interfering with the Global Positioning Systems' detection of satellites.

The team used GPS receivers that internally mark their position every couple of seconds and automatically store the latitude and longitude for each position. The results are then fed into a computer, placing each memory point onto the system map. The computer accurately draws the trails when it connects the lines between all the collected points.

This unique pilot project will serve as a test bed for other counties in the state to create accurate maps using recording GPS receivers.

Lt. Col. Doug Tindal

NEBRASKA — The Nebraska Wing held a raffle during its wing conference to support the Nebraska Air National Guard Family Readiness Network.

Because of the items donated by wing members and national supporters, the wing was able to present U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark Musick, Nebraska Air Guard chief of staff, with a check for \$603.

The funds are used to support families whose loved ones have been deployed in support of the war effort.

"While our neighbors and friends are away protecting our nation in the desert of Iraq, members of the Nebraska Wing keep a vigilant eye on the home front," said Maj. Carol Marxsen, commander of the Lincoln Composite Squadron and raffle project officer. According to Marxsen, the success of the raffle was just one more example of how CAP members care about and are willing to help people they do not even know.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Jurek

SOUTH DAKOTA — The South Dakota Wing held its annual conference and awards banquet at the Sioux Falls Sheraton Hotel and Conference

Center.

Wing Commander Col. Mary F. Donley thanked her dedicated team for serving South Dakota effectively and safely.

Col. Rex Glasgow, North Central Region commander, assisted by Donley, presented the awards.

Both the wing and region cadet of the year awards went to 1st Lt. Timothy J. Newcomb, of Sioux Falls. Likewise, both the wing and senior member of the year awards went to 1st Lt. Michael Odle, of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron.

The cadet NCO of the year award went to Senior Master Sgt. Kristin Chase, and the cadet of the year's torch mentor award went to Capt. Debra Newcomb.

Meritorious Service Awards were presented to: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Rae and 1st Lt. Michael Odle.

Commanders' Commendation awards were presented to: Capts. Cindy Merchant and Debra Newcomb, and cadets Capt. Jason McCord, 1st Lt. Peter Coats, 2nd Lt. Tiffany McKenney and 2nd Lt. Griffin Gary, Senior Airman Nicholas Gengler, and Airmen 1st Class Lawerence Schaub, Loren Schaub and Cody Silvernagel.

The squadron of the year went to Lookout Mountain squadron, and the squadron of merit award went to the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron. A Unit Citation Award was also presented to both of the squadrons.

Two proclamations were read during the conference — one from Sioux Falls (S.D.) Mayor Jerry Munson and one from South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds. In the governor's proclamation, wing members were praised for selflessly donating their time, money and resources for the betterment of South Dakotans.

1st Lt. Michael R. Odle

SOUTH DAKOTA — Cadet 1st Lt. Timothy J. Newcomb of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron received the North Central Region Cadet of the Year Award at the South Dakota Wing Annual Conference and Awards Banquet.

"Tim is the most capable, well-balanced, all-around cadet," said Capt. Timothy Steppan, squadron commander, "He aspires to excellence academically, socially and spiritually."

Newcomb serves as the squadron's cadet special advisor. He earned his private pilot license in March 2002 and recently earned his instrument flight rating. He attended the



From left, North Central Region Commander Col. Rex Glasgow, Cadet 1st Lt. Tim Newcomb, Capt. Debra Newcomb and South Dakota Wing Commander Col. Mary Donley pose for a picture after Tim received the region's cadet of the year award. Tim's mother, Debra, was the recipient of the U.S. Air Force Torch Award for being his mentor.

National Blue Beret in Oshkosh, Wis. and National Flight Encampment - Glider in Mattoon, Ill. He has served in several squadron positions, including cadet logistics officer, cadet deputy commander and cadet commander.

He is highly decorated, earning the Search and Rescue and Find ribbons, a Commander's Commendation, 2002 wing cadet of the year award and Gen. Billy Mitchell and Amelia Earhart achievement awards.

Newcomb selected his mother, also a member, as his mentor and guiding light. Because of this, Capt. Debra O. Newcomb received the U.S. Air Force Torch Award.

1st Lt. Michael R. Odle

SOUTH DAKOTA — 1st Lt. Michael Odle of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron received the North Central Region Senior Member of the Year award at the South Dakota Wing's annual conference and awards banquet.

Odle is the squadron's deputy commander for Cadet Programs and the wing's director of Public Affairs.

Lt. Col. Linda Purkpile, wing nomination committee member, praised Odle's energy, enthusiasm, and charisma.

"Lieutenant Odle has built a cadet program that is the envy of the wing. He constantly challenges cadets in his program to improve both themselves and their commu-

nity involvement through hard work and volunteerism," she said.

Odle's achievements include the Meritorious Service Award, 2002 squadron officer of the year and 2002 wing officer of the year, Search and Rescue Ribbon, Special Activities Ribbon, Unit Citation Award with bronze clasp, Leadership Award with bronze clasp, and Recruiter Ribbon.

1st Lt. Michael R. Odle

SOUTH-WEST REGION

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COL. THOMAS L. TODD

ARIZONA ★ ARKANSAS
LOUISIANA ★ NEW MEXICO
OKLAHOMA ★ TEXAS

OKLAHOMA — The Stillwater Composite Squadron participated in the 7th Annual I Wonder Fair at Oklahoma State University.

Squadron members conducted a hands-on aerospace education booth — manned by Capt. Kelly Wardlaw and 1st Lt. Corry Higbee — where participants were challenged with an electronic quiz board to identify the parts of an aircraft.

The fair included other exhibits, such as live insects, horticulture, food nutrition, soil conservation and a mechanical bucking bull. This year's event attracted more than 2,000 students from around the state.

Capt. Kathy Curtin

TEXAS — Five Brownsville Composite Squadron members searched for an emergency position-indicating radio beacon.

The team checked 100 ships from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. before locating the boat. Since port officials could not identify the owner, there was a delay in silencing the EPIRB. Taking part were Maj. Bobby Anderson, 1st Lt. Sean Crandall, Cadets 1st Lts. Robert Basaldu and Rudy Noriega, and Cadet Marcos Rivera. Capt. Juan Arredondo, squadron commander, was thrilled by the response because the fishing boat basin in the Port of Brownsville is said to have the largest shrimp boat fleet in the nation.

Earlier, Arredondo's team searched for and found an emergency locator transmitter in a Cameron County Airport hangar in Port Isabel, Texas. When the ELT was removed from the Piper Twin Comanche and opened, acid poured from the battery. The incident was featured in two local papers, the *Los Fresnos Leader* and *Port Isabel-South Padre*.

Maj. Neil Macdougall

TEXAS — As the pilot of the

Piper Warrior rotated for lift-off from the runway at Denton Municipal Airport, 17-year-old Cadet Capt. Lynn Larson took another step toward the fulfillment of a dream — earning his private pilot's license.

Larson, son of Arlo and Sheila Larson, began his flight training in September of 2002. While maintaining the grades necessary for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, the home-schooled 11th grade student funded his flight training by working two jobs, one of which is with his flight school.

A member for more than two years, Larson serves as cadet commander of the Nighthawk Composite Squadron and recently earned his Amelia Earhart Award.

Capt. Monte Miller



Cadet Capt.
Lynn Larsen

Later during the rally, Channel 7 News interviewed Cadet Airman Evan Gulbrandsen. According to Gulbrandsen, he supports the troops because he plans on being part of the military someday. Also attending the rally were Sr. Mbr. Bruce Rigaud and Cadets Katie Dunn, Andy Dunn, Caleb Dunn, Garret Griffin, Nathan Rigaud and Brian Priest.

*Cadet Chief Master Sgt.
Patrick McKay*

PACIFIC REGION

COMMANDER
COL. PHILLIP S. GROSHONG

ALASKA ★ CALIFORNIA
HAWAII ★ NEVADA
OREGON ★ WASHINGTON

CALIFORNIA — U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma hosted the cadets of the Redwood Empire Composite Squadron for a presentation of the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award and a model rocketry class.

Assembling in the atrium of the center's Bauer Building, cadets and senior members were greeted by U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Frank Pedras, section head of the Science and Technology School. Pedras presented Cadet 2nd Lt. Zachary Hamill with the Mitchell award. He also presented Hamill a "Sept. 11" commemorative coin with a congratulatory handshake.

Hamill, 17, is a sophomore at Santa Rosa Junior College, and plans on becoming a search and rescue pilot for either the Air Force or Coast Guard. His extended family was present, including his father, Capt. Anthony Hamill, the squadron's aerospace education officer.

Following the Mitchell award, cadets gathered in the classroom of Coast Guard enlisted member Chuck Thompson, who is also a cadet sponsor member of the squadron. They constructed model rockets under the direction of Cadet 2nd Lt. Brian Clifton, cadet commander, and received a trigonometry lesson from Hamill to assist with rocket telemetry calculations. After class, the cadets were treated to a tour of the base, dinner in the galley and a movie at the base theater.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

COMMANDER
COL. LYNDA C. ROBINSON

COLORADO ★ IDAHO
MONTANA ★ UTAH
WYOMING

COLORADO — Seven cadets and two senior members of the Parker Cadet Squadron attended the Freedom Rally at the Stampede Restaurant in Denver.

Local news stations reported approximately 2,500 people attending the event, many sporting American flags and photos of their relatives in the military.

Retired and active duty military personnel spoke in support of U.S. troops serving in Iraq. Squadron senior member Peter Dunn was one of the scheduled presenters, discussing the three keys to success in conflict situations: persistence, networking and faith. After receiving a resounding "Yes!" to the question of public prayer, Dunn offered a prayer for the troops in Iraq and for a quick victory.

The following day, more than a dozen cadets completed requirements for the Model Rocketry Badge by launching their model rockets near their home base at Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa, Calif.

2nd Lt. David J. Reber

CALIFORNIA — The Edwards AFB Composite Squadron had the honor of holding their weekly meetings in the historic commanding officer's quarters, in Muroc Manor.

Construction of the commander's quarters, located near the South Base complex of Edwards Air Force Base, was initiated by the first commanding officer of Muroc Field, Maj. Glenn Arbogast.

While the official function of the house was to serve as the residence of the base commander, it also served as a social center for officers and guests, as evidenced by the bar in the game room. The adobe house was completed in 1943 using the labor of military members at a cost of \$5,070.

Muroc Manor has been lived in by at least two famous commanding officers. Col. Albert Boyd occupied the house from September 1949 to February 1952. Boyd was known in the Air Force as the "father of modern flight testing" and "dean of American test pilots." Boyd set a speed record in a P-80 at Muroc Field in 1947 and was largely responsible for moving Air Force flight test operations from Wright Patterson AFB to Edwards.

Brig. Gen. J. Stanley Holtoner succeeded Boyd as center commander in February 1952. Under Holtoner's direction, Boyd's plans for the Air Force Flight Test Center were realized.

At the same time, the majority of flight-test activity was shifted from South Base to the Main Base. Holtoner was also a leading test pilot, setting a world speed record of 690.118 mph in an F-86 on Sept. 2, 1953.

Holtoner held frequent social events in the game room of Muroc Manor, which became dubbed the "High Mach Dive."

In 1958, the commanding officer's residence was relocated to Main Base. Muroc Manor was then used by the Military Amateur Radio Service — MARS — and stood vacant until it underwent a major remodeling in 1963. The exposed floor joists were sawed off, adobe brick walls were stuccoed smooth, and tri-part windows were replaced with picture windows. The house remained in use as a guesthouse and recreation



Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Frank Pedras presents Cadet 2nd Lt. Zachary Hamill of California Wing's Redwood Empire Composite Squadron with the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award, as Hamill's father, Capt. Anthony Hamill, looks on.

facility until 1988, when its deteriorating condition forced its closure.

In 1994, the squadron reopened it for use. In 2000, members discovered famous signatures on a wall that had been painted over in the 1970s. It included autographs from many Muroc Manor visitors, including Gen. Chuck Yeager, Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, Bob Hope and Pancho Barnes. Restoration of the wall continues with assistance from the J. Paul Getty Museum.

Maj. John W. Englert

NEVADA — The Nellis Cadet Squadron takes pride in the fact that a large portion of the cadet squadron's adult support staff are parents of the cadet membership, including the deputy commander, aerospace education, cadet programs, public affairs, leadership, administration, personnel, finance and testing officers.

Many of the squadron's cadets have parents who have served or are currently serving in either the armed forces or CAP, and wish to continue the family tradition of service to their country.

Nellis Cadet Squadron can literally trace its roots through the squadron's deputy commander, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Richard Brown. Brown began his service to CAP in the mid to late 1940s, subsequently serving in the Air Force. Lt. Col. Brown's brother is also a member of CAP in the Nellis Senior Squadron.

Lt. Col. Richard Brown's

son, Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. David Brown, a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, serves as the CAP-U.S. Air Force liaison officer for Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., while his wife, retired Air Force Maj. Brenda Brown, served 16 years in the Air Force. Retiring from the Air Force in the Las Vegas area to

Freeman, cadet programs officer, 2nd Lt. Robin Freeman, Color Guard, and Cadet Airman Robert Freeman;

·Capt. Gale Breen, aerospace education and testing officer, and Cadet 2nd Lt. Jonathon Breen;

·2nd Lt. Jean Breen, alternate testing officer, and

help operate the family businesses in Las Vegas, she serves as the squadron's orientation flight coordinator and finance officer.

The Brown family has four cadets in the Nellis Cadet Squadron: Airmen 1st Class Nancy Brown and First Class Marie Brown; Airman Daniel Brown; and the squadron's cadet commander, Lt. Col. Philip Brown. Following in his father's footsteps, Lt. Col. Brown was appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy just this month.

Active families also include:

·2nd Lt. Donald

Cadet 2nd Lt. Jordan Breen;

·Sr. Mbr. Bob Conner, leadership and public affairs officer, and Cadet Airman Ashley Conner; and

·1st Lt. Kini Miller, administration and personnel officer, and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Leilani Miller, executive officer, whose mother was also in CAP as a youngster.

In Nellis' Cadet Squadron, membership is indeed a family affair!

Sr. Mbr. Bob Conner

NEVADA — The Nellis Cadet Squadron held its annual awards banquet, presenting awards and promotions, designating assignments and recognizing dignitaries.

Nevada Wing Commander Col. Matthew Wallace and Lt. Col. Jack Schofield presented awards and promotions.

·Squadron promotions were: Cadet Lt. Col. Philip Brown, Cadet 2nd Lt. Brett Donaldson, Cadet 2nd Lt. Jordan Lightner, Lt. Col. David Jadwin, 2nd Lt. Jean Lightner, 2nd Lt. James Schilling, Flight Officer Andrew Davis, Flight Officer Jacob Holloway, and Flight Officer Paul Weinstock.

·Service Ribbons Awarded were: Fifteen Years — Lt. Col. David Jadwin, squadron commander; and Five Years —

'U.S. MARINE' SKYHAWKS



Members of California Wing's Skyhawk Composite Squadron pose for a picture in front of a U.S. Marine LCAC (landing craft, air cushioned) transport during a tour of the Marine's LCAC facility at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Photo by 1st Lt. Audrey DiGiantomasso

Capt. Bryan Dinsmore, squadron operations officer, Gale Breen and Debra Prosser.

Achievement Awards presented were: Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award – Cadet Lt. Col. Philip Brown, an example of the quality of cadets the squadron has within its ranks and a tribute to the kind of individuals CAP cadets are; and Gen. Billy Mitchell Award – Cadet 2nd Lts. Brett Donaldson and Jordan Lightner, who have an impressive background and a bright future, exemplifying the tradition of CAP cadets.

New cadet leaders installed were: Nellis Cadet Squadron — Lt. Col. Philip Brown, commander, 2nd Lt. Brett Donaldson, deputy commander, Senior Master Sgt. Leilani Miller, executive officer, and Senior Master Sgt. Lorenz Madarang, first sergeant; Eagle Flight - Tech. Sgt. Chris Taylor, commander and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Amancio, flight sergeant; Falcon Flight — Staff Sgt. Nathaniel

Gingery, commander and Airman 1st Class Doug Hanks, flight sergeant; and Viper Flight — Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Ramirez, commander and Airman Jeremy Manning, flight sergeant.

Sr. Mbr. Bob Conner

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wing held its annual award ceremony, where such esteemed awards as the Cadet of the Year, Senior of the Year and Rising Star were presented.

Those in attendance included Washington Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Ernie Schnabler and Group 3 Commander Maj. J.F. Vallee.

Awards presented were: Cadet Of The Year — 1st Lt. Christine Smith, who has proven her leadership and consistent performance as a cadet;

Most Improved Cadet — Senior Airman Daved Allen, who has improved in outlook and uniform, contributing to the good of the squadron;

Esprit de Corps: - Cadet 2nd Lt. Josiah Broom, who has been inspirational and exhibited outstanding leadership;

Rising Star — Sr. Mbr. Richard Sand, a first-year member, who has shown the greatest potential for continued achievements;

Righteous Trophy — Cadet 2nd Lt. Timothy Heston, whose military bearing, uniform and appearance have been consistently outstanding;

Above & Beyond — Maj. William Lewis, who has given of himself beyond all expectations by going the extra mile for the squadron; and

Senior Of The Year — Chaplain George Haberer, who has been an outstanding and consistent performer.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Timothy Heston also received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award and was promoted, and Cadet 1st Lt. Christine Smith became the new cadet commander.

Maj. Kandyce D. Lewis

OVERSEAS REGION

COMMANDER
COL. AL ALLENBACK

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GERMANY — On Easter Sunday, cadet and senior

members of the Ramstein Cadet Squadron served as seating hosts to returning Operation Iraqi Freedom service members.

Cadets 2nd Lt. Erin Noyes, Airmen Todd Bobbit, Chase Frazee and Matthew Gage, and Basic Jazmine Linger assisted service members on crutches and in wheelchairs from the nearby Landstuhl Army Medical Clinic to the Ramstein Officer's Club, where the new commander of the 86th Support Group hosted a buffet lunch for 33 wounded soldiers and marines.

Capt. Raphael Eredita

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Lewis races to 12th place finish in California

Chino Cadet Squadron cadets post colors, usher, clean up at Californiaspeedway.com 300

FONTANA, Calif. (Saturday, April 26, 2003) — Ashton Lewis Jr. piloted his Civil Air Patrol Chevrolet to a 12th place finish in today's Californiaspeedway.com 300 at California Speedway.

Lewis' best previous finish at the two-mile facility was 16th in 2002.

The CAP Racing Team spent the entire weekend struggling with the car. During inspection on Thursday, there was a problem with the rear deck lid, which required some extra effort on the crew's part to get the car through inspection.

On Friday morning, the Busch cars took to the track for their first practice session. The No. 46 car ended up 16th on the time sheets, with a speed of 39.910 seconds.

The fastest car in practice was the No. 21 driven by Kevin Harvick with a top speed of 39.186.

Qualifying took place that afternoon and Lewis was the 16th car on the track. He circled around the speedway at a speed of 40.031, which ended up placing him 15th at the end of qualifying. Kevin Harvick

was on the pole with a new track record of 39.143.

On Friday evening, the Busch Series continued their on track time with 'Happy Hour', and Lewis ended up seventh on the time sheet with a speed of 40.572. Once again, Harvick set the quick time with a fast lap of 40.321.

Saturday was a typical beautiful Southern California day. The weather was in the 70s and partly cloudy — a perfect day for racing.

The green flag fell, but before the field could settle in, the first caution flag came out on lap four. Lewis had already worked his way to the 10th position by that time.

The second caution flag came out on lap 41, and almost the entire field took advantage of the opportunity to pit and work on their cars. The CAP racing crew changed four tires, put in fuel, made a track bar adjustment and pulled the front fenders out to help with aerodynamics.

The changes were a bit too much for the car, and when the third caution came out on lap 59, Lewis came



From left, cadets Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Holbrook, Master Sgt. Scott Adair, Senior Master Sgt. Sarah Penicks, Tech. Sgt. Nick Boswell and Airman First Class Katy Millsbaugh of California Wing's Chino Cadet Squadron post the colors at the start of the Californiaspeedway.com 300 at California Speedway April 26. In addition to color guard duties, more than 30 squadron members worked as ushers and cleanup crew members at the racetrack.

back to his pit for fuel and another track bar adjustment. He lost some positions on the track, but the changes did help the car some.

The fourth caution was brought out on lap 68 for debris, and the 46 crew was forced to pit when Lewis ran over some of that debris on the track. They again put on four new tires, topped off the fuel and made a wedge

adjustment.

Lewis was 24th for the restart, but was able to quickly work his way through the field. By lap 87 he was in 15th place and continuing to fight his way through the pack.

Around Lap 100, many of the leaders were forced to pit under green flag conditions, and when the fifth caution flag came out on lap 118 it caught many of them

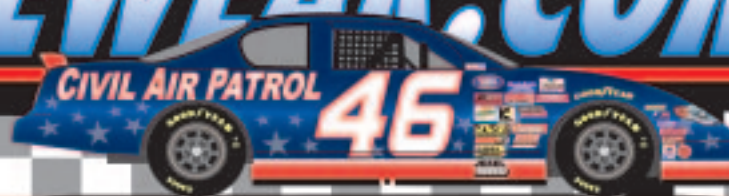
a lap down.

The Lewis Motorsports team caught a real break here, because they had been planning to make a green flag stop on Lap 120. For their final pit stop, they put on four tires, filled up the fuel, made a tire adjustment and a wedge adjustment.

Lewis finished the race in 12th position, and gained a spot to 14th in owner's points.



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